

Doctor's flight creates hospital confusion

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

What a difference one doctor makes. When Dr. Anthony Holliday-Rhodes quit his Minden practice on Tuesday, he set off a chain reaction which led to the partial closure of the Minden Hospital five days later.

Fortunately, because of the efforts of the Community Committee for Physicians and the co-operation of St. Joseph's Hospital in Peterborough, doctors' services are being purchased to keep the emergency department open at the

Emergency service is retained but beds closed at Minden Hospital following surprise departure of Dr. Holliday-Rhodes

Minden Hospital. In-patient services have been discontinued, however, and patients have been transferred to other hospitals.

"It's not a crisis. A lot of people are working hard to find a solution," says Frank Lussing, St. Joseph's executive director, after meeting with staff Monday morning. No precipitous decisions will be

made until the hospital can sort out several funding and medical issues.

"I don't want to create more anxiety for the staff," he says. "We owe them more than that."

But that still leaves hundreds of people scrambling to find a new doctor.

To say Dr. Holliday-Rhodes' departure

surprised the community is a trivialization of his loss. Staff at both his clinic, which he shares with Dr. Bennett Wu, and the hospital found out he was gone last Tuesday. He phoned them from England, where he was born and where he now plans to live.

Having been in Minden for 16 years, Dr. Holliday-Rhodes had a well-established practice. When others came and went, he stayed on. For several years, he shared on-call duties with just one other doctor. Because St. Joseph's was worried

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Province closes Bark Lake

Leadership Centre added \$1-million to local economy annually, but falls victim to budget cuts

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

A tradition of nearly 50 years of leadership education at the renowned Bark Lake Leadership Centre will come to an end this summer.

The provincial Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation announced last Tuesday it will close the centre's gates on August 31 because it can no longer afford its \$1.2-million annual operating budget.

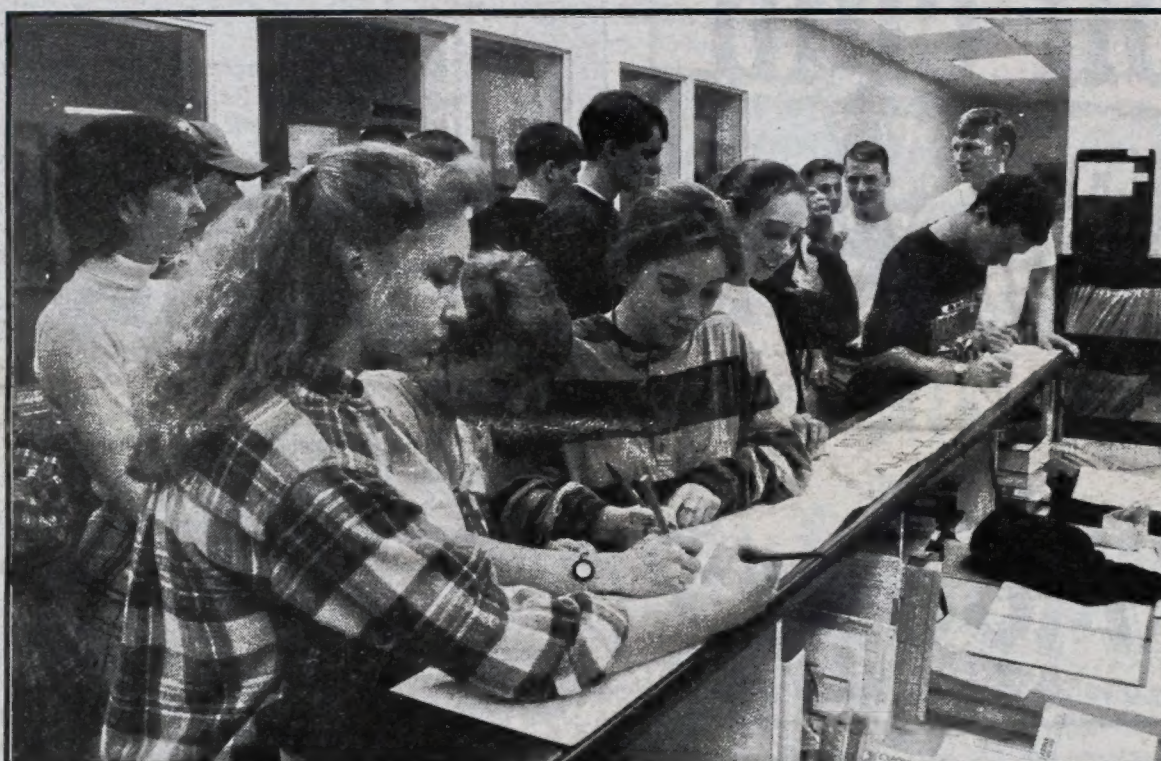
"I think Bark Lake is a victim of the general feeling that taxpayer dollars need to be saved no matter what," said Rob Heming, the centre's general manager. "That means there are going to be some significant changes which people are not going to like."

Heming said eight full-time staff, four seasonal workers and between 40 and 50 professional educators who are hired on a contract basis will lose their jobs in the closure.

The province plans to call in its real estate arm, the Ontario Realty Corporation, to find a buyer for the 350-acre Glamorgan property, said Dean Williams, a spokesman for Minister Anne Swarbrick.

Other ministries will be given the first opportunity to take over the site, he said. It will then be offered to institutions, such as colleges and universities, before private sector buyers are sought.

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GET WELL SOON: There was an outpouring of support for Jeremy Durkin, who lost his right foot in a motorcycling accident, at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Friday. Here, Jeremy's fellow students sign an extra-big get well card.

Staff "numbed" by closure

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

When they were told the director of their branch would be at their monthly meeting on Tuesday, most employees at the Bark Lake Leadership Training Centre figured something was up.

But they had no way of knowing how bad the news was going to be.

"It numbed me. Honestly, for two days I was walking around and I couldn't focus on anything," Linda Shadbolt says of being told the centre would be closed down August 31. "I was just numb."

"I was shocked," said Barb Elliot. "I thought they might be telling us we might not be getting as much money this year as we did last year, but I didn't expect this."

The province's decision to close the gates to the centre means eight full-time staff, four seasonal workers and between

40 and 50 professional educators who are hired on a contract basis will lose their jobs.

And while government cutbacks leading to job loss is nothing new, workers at Bark Lake are reeling because they fear

"For two days I was walking around and couldn't focus on anything," says one of the staff members whose job is lost

they may have lost career paths that cannot be picked up anywhere else.

They speak of their positions at the leadership centre as once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that cannot be replicated.

And for most, who have dedicated their time to a way of life as much as to a way of earning a living, life has just been drastically altered.

"It's pretty desperate," says 34-year-old Greg Shantz. "I'd like to stay in the county, but it looks like chances are very slim

for me."

Shantz moved to Haliburton from British Columbia almost three years ago specifically for his position as a program specialist at Bark, as staff call the training centre.

For the past two and a half years he has worked on 10-month contracts designing leadership experiences for the various groups that go to Bark Lake for training. During the winter, he is laid off for two months.

"There's no other place in Canada that provides the same kinds of programs as Bark," he said. "Really, I would say my job is unique in North America. I really don't know what I'm going to do. I'm preparing my resume and telling everyone I know that I'm available for work."

Aside from the stress of being terminated and the pressure of

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Teenager loses foot in motorcycle accident

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

A Minden teenager was seriously injured when the motorcycle he was riding collided with a flatbed trailer Thursday afternoon.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Jeremy Durkin, 16, was on Hwy 121 travelling towards Minden alongside a friend. Near the entrance to Jay Lake Trailer park, he collided with the dump truck trailer.

The Ford tandem truck was turning from the opposite direction into a private, north side driveway when the accident occurred at about 5:15 p.m.

Durkin's foot was sheared off by the impact, which sent him hurtling about 40 metres from his Kawasaki 1000 cc Ninja

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"You guys really take your letters to the editor seriously," Charlie Teljeur told us on Friday when he dropped off this week's Boonieville cartoon. He was referring to our parking lot, which has been virtually empty ever since we printed Shirley McIntyre's criticisms of workers who park in front of their business, leaving no parking spaces for customers. Rest assured, there's lots of parking available in front of the Echo now.

Say it isn't so... On Thursday, an Echo staffer killed her first mosquito of 1995. And her second, third, fourth and fifth. This is one sign of spring we can do without.

This week, about 18 local veterans

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

and spouses are flying to Holland, where they will be given a hero's welcome. The Dutch are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the liberation of their country just days before VE day. About 4,000 Canadians are taking part in the celebrations as the Dutch give thanks and praise for the Canadians' efforts during World War II.

The people in the Donald area really know how to pitch in. On Friday night at 6 p.m., residents are having the First Annual Old Donald Road and Donald "Clean, Meet and Eat." After gathering at the Haven of Rest Chapel, the residents will split into three groups and collect roadside garbage in Donald, Gould's Crossing and Exon's Hill. These commendable efforts to beautify the Highlands will be rewarded with a potluck dinner in the church basement, where neighbours can get to know each other better.

The headline in a recent edition of the Peterborough Examiner reads "Haliburton school an arts magnet."

The story is a profile of the School of Fine Arts, which attracted more than 2,000 students last year. This year, the school, which is based in Haliburton village and run by Sir Sandford Fleming College, is expecting 3,000 registrants for the 230 courses being offered.

Applications are now being accepted for Huntsville's largest juried indoor craft show. It offers sale and exhibit spaces for more than 90 artisans and runs July 8 and 9 at the Huntsville Centennial Centre. Prerequisites for acceptance include the submission of three to five clear photos or slides of the artisan's pieces and a completed application, which are available by writing Focus Point Inc., Box 388 Grand Valley, Ont. LON 1G0, calling 519-928-5283 or faxing 519-928-3248.

Another Artisans' Festival to put on your calendar is the 5th Annual display and sale of fine art and one-of-a-kind crafts at the Minden Community Centre on July 1 and 2. For more information, please contact the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, at 286-3763.

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Oil leak not a danger to fish, river

by PETER DOWNS
 Staff Reporter

Heating oil draining into Drag River in Haliburton Village does not pose a serious environmental threat, according to the Ministry of Environment and Energy.

Bill Thompson, a senior environmental officer with the Ministry's Muskoka-Haliburton district office, says the recurring oil leak creates an "aesthetic problem," but will not harm wildlife living in and around the area of the leak.

"Basically, from an environmental standpoint, it looks worse than it actually is."

Thompson, who visited the site on Wednesday, said he spoke with Ministry of Natural Resources personnel in Minden, who had concluded the oil in the water would not adversely affect pickerel that have been spawning in the river.

The oil is seeping out of the soil from a large spill of furnace oil that happened more than a decade ago, Thompson said.

He said the MoEE has been aware of the problem since 1983 when it was first reported.

At that time investigators discovered heating oil leaking from an underground fuel tank at the Highland Street building

now being leased by the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

Before the tank could be removed an unknown quantity of oil seeped into the soil, he said.

Each spring when the snow melts and the water tables rise, oil is brought to the surface and contaminates the river.

A sump pump was set up in 1984 and sucked up about 900 litres of the spilled oil over two years.

The amount of oil being drained from the area eventually decreased to the point that the sump pump was removed.

"The thin film of oil on the surface of the river is only about a molecule deep so it evaporates very quickly," he said.

The Dysart et al Fire Department recently installed a boom in the area of the recurring leak in an attempt to contain the oil.

Thompson said he doesn't feel it will be necessary for the firefighters to continue to repeat the practice in future years should the oil seepage remain at the same level.

"Speculation is that (the leak) could go on for some time yet," he said.

Removing the soil that has been contaminated by heating oil would be very difficult because of its location beneath the bank of the river, Thomson said.

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Private firm to provide emergency doctors

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

A private medical company based in Mississauga has been hired to provide emergency care at the Minden Hospital.

MedEmerg will provide a ros-

ter of doctors who will work at the hospital so it can continue to provide emergency service.

The hours of service will remain as they are at present: 24 hours a day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and from 8 a.m. to midnight on weeknights.

MedEmerg will send a doctor to the community for 18-hour periods.

"The doctor will arrive and stay in the community until the end of the shift," says Jack Brezina, chairman of the Community Committee for Physicians, which asked St. Joseph's Hospital to buy the service after it was initially decided to close the hospital. "We were pleased to see they responded to our suggestion," Brezina says, although he's disappointed St. Joseph's is suspending in-patient services until at least May 31.

St. Joseph's and the committee had to scramble for solutions after Dr. Anthony Holliday-Rhodes' sudden departure from the community. Dr. Holliday-Rhodes was one of two full-time Minden doctors who were on call at the hospital. The other is Dr. Mark Chayer, who is also

the county coroner and physician at Hyland Crest.

A few weeks ago, weeknight emergency service had to be discontinued to relieve the burden on the two doctors and it would have been impossible for Dr. Chayer to maintain his practice and be on-call at the hospital. (There is another doctor who works in the community part-time and Dr. Bennett Wu, who shared Dr. Holliday-Rhodes' practice but is unable to be on call at the Hospital.)

MedEmerg will provide doctors for 15 days of the month and Minden-based doctors will be responsible for the other 15 days. MedEmerg will be paid a flat hourly fee and OHIP billings will be paid to the hospital to recoup some of the costs.

Frank Lussing, executive director of St. Joseph's Hospital, which owns both local hospitals,

says it's not yet clear whether hiring MedEmerg will have a detrimental effect on the hospital's budget. "We're providing a stop-gap solution," he says, adding that the St. Joseph's board will discuss various options at its meeting next Tuesday.

For the past few years, St. Joseph's has been picking up both local hospitals' deficits but that's not possible any more, especially since it is making reductions to its own services. "Somebody has to pay for MedEmerg and it can't be added to St. Joseph's budget," Lussing said.

Until more doctors set up practice in Minden, the hospital is not to be used as a walk-in clinic. However, such a clinic is one of the options as community representatives discuss plans to provide medical stability in the village.

Haliburton doctors in stronger position, but still under stress

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Haliburton doctors will do what they can to help the people in Minden cope with the shortage of doctors, but they're already struggling to keep up with their own patient rosters.

"At this point we're not in a position to take on any more patients," says Dr. Norm Bottum, one of eight doctors with the Haliburton Family Medical Centre. "Our waiting times are already high and patients are disgruntled."

The doctors want to avoid a situation similar to Minden's. Keeping up with their present responsibilities is already stressful and if they try to take on more patients, some of the doctors might be tempted to move to urban centres, where they don't have to be on call at hospitals, or to the United States, which doesn't tax as much of their salary. Dr. Bottum says nearly every day doctors receive an offer to move their practice south of the border.

One of the Haliburton doctors has already nibbled at the carrot. Last fall, Dr. Dean Stokes moved to the States. Luckily, Dr. Peter Toth had already agreed to move to Haliburton, although it had originally been hoped he would be able to take on new patients. Instead, he simply replaced Dr. Stokes, whose patient roster was full.

Two of the other doctors are women who work reduced hours because they have young children. Luckily, the doctor who filled in on Dr. Tina Stephenson's maternity leave has agreed to stay. The Centre is also associated with the University of Toronto, and doctors come for a month at a time to learn of the demands placed on general practitioners. Haliburton doctors also run a weekly clinic in Wilberforce.

Demands on their time were increased when Dr. Harry Good retired last December. Dr. Good did not sell his practice so there was no replacement doctor for his patients. Many of them went to the Family Medical Centre, which does not have enough doctors to accommodate all of them.

Over the past year, there's also been an influx of Minden patients who were either uncomfortable with the fast rate of turnover of doctors at the Dawson medical clinic or who couldn't find a doctor closer to home.

For the past few months, Haliburton doctors have been busily trying to recruit other doctors to move to the area full-time. So far they haven't been successful.

"There's no end in sight as far as manpower shortages," says Dr. Bottum, noting that many rural communities are facing similar problems. (The town of Alexandria is offering a \$1,000 "reward" to anyone who can attract a doctor to the area.) He fully supports the recommendations of the recent Scott report on the shortage of rural doctors.

To help cope with the demands on their time, doctors are taking a new approach to on-call work at the hospital. Instead of trying to maintain their practice and leaving when called to an emergency at the hospital, they've been staying at the hospital for part of their 24-hour duty. People who can't see a doctor at the medical centre often go straight to the emergency department. Because doctors are now guaranteed a certain wage for being on call, they can book off the next day to catch up on sleep or attend conferences so they're up to date on medical advances.

Such accommodations are important if doctors are to stay in the area, says Dr. Bottum. "You don't want more doctors to leave because they're stressed out."

Although St. Joseph's has agreed to a request to hire doctors to run the Minden Hospital emergency department for 15 days a month, Dr. Bottum says there will still probably be increased demands on the Haliburton doctors.

"We're going to cope," he says. "It's going to be stressful but we'll just have to do the best we can. We'll have to deal with things on a priority basis."

"(But) we can only work so fast and so hard. It will just result in longer waiting times."

Dr. Holliday-Rhodes' patients anxiously search for new doctor

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about the strain on Dr. Holliday-Rhodes and Dr. Mark Chayer, the only other full-time doctor to have hospital privileges, the emergency department was closed weeknights from midnight to 8 a.m.. This helped guarantee the doctors a solid night's sleep during the week.

Dr. Holliday-Rhodes' patients don't know where to turn because he left without arranging for a replacement doctor.

"A lot of people are very frightened," says Jack Brezina, chairman of the Community Committee for Physicians, which was formed in February after the shortage of doctors forced the partial closing of the Minden Hospital's emergency department. "They're concerned about the future. They don't know what to do."

However, he's grateful St. Joseph's has acted upon the committee's suggestion to hire MedEmerg. "It's certainly been a roller coaster ride but one of the major hurdles has been cleared. We've still got our work cut out for us though."

The community has a lot to offer doctors who wish to relocate, Brezina says. Not only is the area beautiful, but any new doctor would immediately have

a full patient roster.

"We've got a lifestyle we think is saleable."

It's a long, difficult process to get doctors to move to rural areas. Minden is certainly not alone in its plight; several other communities are also working very hard to attract doctors. The town is offering a \$1,000 reward

"A lot of people are frightened. They're concerned about the future. They don't know what to do"

JACK BREZINA

to anyone who can persuade a doctor to set up a practice there.

Next month, an advertisement will appear in a medical journal. The committee is also discussing ways to approach doctors who graduate this spring. Several incentives are being discussed with the municipality. (Reeve Jeanne Anthon also sits on the committee. The municipality is lobbying for an underserved area designation, which opens the door to various provincial initiatives.)

"We're trying to create a stable and co-operative medical community," Brezina says.

St. Joseph's Hospital also caught off-guard by Dr.

Holliday-Rhodes' departure. "It's a shock in the sincere way," says Lussing. "We had no advance warning. We have to step back and reflect objectively about what's next...."

"This problem is not unique, but it is no less troubling."

On Thursday morning, he met with local doctors during one of

their regularly scheduled meetings. It soon became clear the Haliburton doctors could not keep both hospitals open for an indefinite length of time. Initially, the plan had been to close the hospital but Brezina's committee

later came up with the idea to hire MedEmerg to keep the emergency department open.

Even so, St. Joseph's decided to suspend in-patient services until at least May 31. It will be working with the committee, hospital staff and the Acting Health Services Board to come up with recommendations by that time.

St. Joseph's Hospital, which owns both the Minden and Haliburton Hospitals, says that for the doctors' wellbeing and the patient safety, the emergency department will probably not return to full-time service until there are six doctors in the village.

Students look beyond county's borders as they hunt for jobs

by **STEPHEN SHAW**
Staff Reporter

The harsh reality of the '90s job market is well known to local high school students, who are looking beyond the borders of Haliburton County to find work this summer.

While there are still two months of classes to get through and exams to cram for, students have begun the annual spring ritual of cold-calls, resume sending and application submissions.

Grade 10 student Mike Reid would love to find employment within the community, but isn't holding any false hopes. He's applied to local businesses such as IGA, Valumart, Emmerson Lumber, PineStone Resort and a painting service, but he isn't holding his breath. "I may have to go to Toronto because there are no jobs up here," Reid says. "It seems really limited this summer but I'm just putting my

name in wherever I can."

The key to success in the job hunt is perseverance, but that isn't always enough in today's market. "Basically you have to put your name in everywhere and call places over and over. You've got to bug them and let them know that you're really interested. But this summer

"It seems really limited this summer but I'm just putting my name in wherever I can"

looks really limited."

At the local employment centre, it's too early to forecast how summer opportunities are shaping up. While the job board doesn't start filling normally until June or July, "it really depends on the weather," says Placement Officer Lindsey Coates.

Another element which could be a factor in the number of students who find work, she says, is the adult unemployment rate.

Many employers tend to hire adult applicants in favour of students, who are only in search of summer positions.

The deadline for employers to submit their applications for the federally-sponsored, student wage-subsidy program was Friday, but Coates doesn't yet know how many will be approved for local businesses.

Students who get the early jump on the job hunt usual-

ly are the ones successful, she says.

"On the whole it's the energetic kids who get out there who do find work. It may not always be their ideal choice, but they usually find something," Coates says.

Grade 11 student Nathan MacDuff says he's been applying at local businesses but has applied at a North York drum shop as a back-up plan.

Lindsay Packard has worked as a babysitter and at the Mill Pond in Carnarvon in past summers but this year she wants a change. Ideally, she'd love to find work as a pastry chef, which the Grade 11 student wants to make a career.

But, again, she's set her sights outside the county towards Lindsay. "There's nothing here."



These are the shoes Jeremy Durkin was wearing as he rode his motorcycle on Hwy 35 last Thursday. In the background is his 1000cc Kawasaki motorcycle, which crashed into a flatbed truck, which was turning into a driveway near Jay Lake Trailer Park.

Neighbours comfort teen at scene of motorcycle accident

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across the road and into a ditch.

His motorcycle veered off into the ditch, crashed into a tree and burst into flames.

Nearby resident Roger Danilko, who along with his brother Ricky heard the crash and immediately rushed to the scene, beat out the fire with his jacket and a fire extinguisher.

Both comforted a conscious Durkin and carried out basic first aid while awaiting for police and ambulance to arrive. "Basically we just told him to relax and not to move and got blankets to cover him up," says Roger Danilko.

Durkan was rushed to Haliburton Hospital and air lifted to St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. He was treated for a partial amputation of his right leg.

"He's a very positive young man. He's a gentle giant," said high school principal Gary Brohman, who talked to Jeremy's parents after the accident. "He'll be fine if there are no complications."

After the accident was announced at the school on Friday morning, a card was made and signed by dozens of students and teachers.

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Merger of camps suggested as a way of saving Bark Lake Centre

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The same day the province announced it will close down Haliburton's Bark Lake Leadership Training Centre, it was reportedly considering another proposal that could see some of its programs salvaged.

John McCutcheon, president of an alumni association called Friends of Bark Lake, says he spoke with Culture, Tourism and Recreation Minister Anne Swarbrick on Tuesday about a plan to merge the leadership training courses offered at Bark Lake with the athletic leadership programs offered at another provincially operated camp.

The Ontario Educational Leadership Centre on Lake Couchiching is operated by the Ministry of Education. Its programs are similar to those offered at Bark Lake but have an emphasis on athletics.

Though it is now open on a seasonal basis, the centre's board of directors is hoping to turn it into a year-round facility, said McCutcheon, whose father was one of the camp's founders.

McCutcheon said he and Swarbrick discussed a proposal in which the staff and programs offered at the athletic leadership centre would move to Bark Lake, where the buildings are winterized and about \$5-million has recently been spent on upgrades.

This would save the Ministry of Education millions of dollars in renovations to turn the Lake Couchiching training centre into a year-round facility, he said.

"I think the two camps could be combined very well," said McCutcheon. "They would be able to share facilities and offer complementary programs."

The merger, however, would require more money to be spent at Bark Lake to create gym space and other necessities for athletics.

"If the province is going to divest itself of something, I think the property on Lake Couchiching would be much more salable," said McCutcheon, noting the presence of several nearby private resorts.

Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson said Swarbrick mentioned the same proposal to him last week. He said he will push the Ministry hard to act on it.

"I'm fully supportive of the plan," he said. "I think it makes the most economic sense. That would preserve the jobs in the area and keep the camp open. It would also maintain the tax base in the county."

However, there are a couple major difficulties with the plan, he said.

When he spoke with her last week, Hodgson said Swarbrick hadn't even mentioned any details of the proposal with Education Minister David Cooke.

As well, he said, it may be difficult to convince the athletic leadership centre's board of the benefits of the move.

A spokesman for Swarbrick would not confirm that the Ministry was even considering the plan.

"I'm reluctant to give a definitive answer on that," said Dean Williams. "But I think it's safe to say that we're

looking for options that include other partners."

Whatever is to eventually happen at Bark Lake, McCutcheon said he and his membership want to make certain the centre's tradition of leadership training is not lost.

"I'm devastated to hear that most of the leadership programs could disappear with the site," he said. "Our association is mobilizing very quickly to try to save them. It isn't over yet."

He said the 65 to 70 members of his association will be trying to reach the centre's alumni of about 60,000 in an effort to come up with solutions save the centre.

Bark Lake general manager Rob Heming said staff are eager to be involved in deciding its future, as well.

"The issue is that these people want to be part of any community or provincially based solutions that are found," he said.

The Ministry is obligated to offer other provincial ministries the first opportunity to take over the site. After that institutions such as colleges and universities will be given the chance to bid on it before it goes on the market to the private sector.



OUTDOOR LEARNING: A local high school student whispers advice to elementary students as part of a peer helper training session at Bark Lake last October. Bark Lake's exercises came in very handy.

Ministry to save only \$600,000 a year by closing Bark Lake

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close the leadership training centre, which has been operating since 1948, has been attacked by local politicians and others who call it a drastic measure to save a relatively small amount of money.

The centre is currently at about the mid-way mark of a six-year plan to become self-sufficient, said Heming.

Up until 1993, those attending leadership courses at the centre did so free of charge. Since then the centre has been charging for its programs in an effort to become self-sufficient.

This year Bark Lake staff were expecting to generate approximately \$600,000 in revenue, Heming said.

Over the next three years the centre had hoped to raise enough revenue through its programs to cover its entire operating budget.

"The Ministry's only real savings in this will be about \$600,000," says Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson. "The centre was only allowed to go half-way through the plan to becoming self-sufficient and then the plan was flushed down the drain."

Williams defended the Ministry's decision, saying that all cost-saving measures contribute toward reducing the overall budget.

"Over the last three years reducing our budget and finding ways to save money has not been easy," he said. "... Our options became fewer and fewer year after year. In that context, \$600,000 does mean a lot."

John McCutcheon, president of Friends of Bark Lake, an alumni organization that supports the centre, feels the Ministry is sacrificing Bark Lake because it wants to project a better budget picture for the NDP which is likely to call a provincial election in the near

future.

"I strongly suspect all of the ministries have been asked to trim their budgets and that someone at the (Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation) who doesn't really understand what goes on at Bark Lake has decided to cut the centre's funding and then make a lot of money selling the property," he said.

The Ministry has also been criticized for closing Bark Lake so soon after spending about \$5-million on it in renovations and improvements.

Over the past couple of years the province has built a new dining centre and adult learning facility and has renovated a number of existing buildings, said Heming. Construction of a \$2-million sewage treatment and water system is still underway and is scheduled for completion this summer.

"I can't understand why the province would spend so much money on it and then turn around and close it," said Victoria-Haliburton MP John O'Reilly. "It doesn't seem to make any sense."

Williams said the improvements will help make the centre "more salable."

Both Hodgson and O'Reilly also mourned the loss of jobs that will result from the closure, as well as its overall economic impact on the region.

"I'm distressed that (the Ministry) would cut more jobs in rural Ontario," said Hodgson. "... We've got Maritime-type unemployment rates in our county, so this comes as just another kick in the teeth."

Heming estimated the job cuts will translate to a loss of about \$1-million to the county in staff salaries and expenditures made by people visiting the centre.

Bark Lake has operated as a year-round training facility since 1993 and was open three sea-

sons of the year prior to that, said Heming.

When the centre was originally opened in 1948 its main purpose was to train people how to become camp counsellors.

Over the years, however, Bark Lake has widened its range of programs, training students from elementary and high schools, as well as adults, private associations and other groups in leadership skills.

The centre's mandate has always been to provide active outdoor leadership education and environmental education, Heming said.

Bark Lake staff are hoping that its leadership training programs can be carried on by whichever ministry, institution or private group eventually takes it over, he said.

"The underlying concern, especially with the Friends of Bark Lake, is that the youth leadership training, which is the basis of our programs, is kept in place," said Heming.

"I'm devastated to hear that most of the leadership programs could disappear with the site," said McCutcheon. "Our association is mobilizing very quickly to try to save them. It isn't over yet."

He said the 65 to 70 members of Friends of Bark Lake will be trying to reach the centre's alumni of about 60,000 in an effort to save the centre.

Hodgson also said he would try to make certain that the leadership training Bark Lake has become known for across the country is somehow preserved.

Full-time staff at Bark Lake will receive pay until October 18, while the seasonal workers will be paid until its closing date, said Heming.

All staff will have the opportunity to apply for any similar vacancies that may exist within the Ministry or elsewhere in the provincial government.

Hydro reviewing cottage rates

Seasonal residents want to know how their charges are determined

by **STEPHEN SHAW**
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports on topics discussed at Saturday's Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations meeting in Toronto.

Demanding answers

An Ontario Hydro study looking at the distribution of electricity could indicate the possibility of a change in the rate seasonal residents are charged, says FOCA representative Gordon Isbister.

Isbister attended a meeting earlier in the month with Ontario Hydro officials, who cottagers say have refused to explain how the basic rate is determined.

Some cottagers question whether the rate they are charged is a reflection of the four months of electricity they use.

Isbister said he was told by a senior hydro official that a review of how seasonal charges are determined is being conducted internally.

"How are we to know if this is being determined fairly if they won't tell you how it is arrived at," said Isbister.

Lutterworth Devil's Lake cot-

tager Althea Quinton said the present system is unfair and that "we should be paying for what we use."

Requests ignored

While supporting the greater environmental protection of Bill 163 — the reform of the Ontario Planning Act — FOCA is not entirely pleased with the final legislation.

While many of FOCA's Land Use Committee recommendations were adhered to, three key ones were not.

Requests for mandatory and regular re-inspections of septic tanks, a registry notification system for planning matters and the ability to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board minor variance decision were ignored by the provincial government.

FOCA encouraged implementation of a septic tank inspection program to be paid for through property taxes on a 'user-pay' basis.

The association contends that malfunctioning septic tanks pose a far greater threat to lake health than new development, which has been severely restricted under the new guidelines.

As it stands, Bill 163 eliminates the right to appeal to the

FOCA BRIEFS

OMB a local council's decision on a minor variance.

Frog depletions

An alarming and mysterious decrease of frog populations in cottage communities around the province is likely an indication of deteriorating water qualities, says Metro Toronto Zoo curator Bob Johnson.

In a presentation to FOCA members on the Adopt-A-Pond program in which community and cottager groups build a man-made habitat for the bug-eating amphibians, Johnson told cottagers that the decrease should be taken as a warning.

"Frogs are indicators of environmental health," he said, noting "crashing" bull frog populations as a "serious" concern in the province.

The rising level of acid rain and chemical pollution during the past decade has stripped

Neatly-trimmed lawns and "city values brought into cottage country," are partly responsible, he said.

Johnson encouraged cottagers to organize community participation in an Adopt-A-Pond program. The idea is to create a "frog friendly backyard," wetland in an area which water can collect to promote breeding of populations.

Campaign pressure

Seasonal residents plan on playing a valuable role in the upcoming provincial election.

And FOCA has already begun mounting pressure on candidates and incumbents.

All Members of Provincial Parliament are being asked about various taxation issues, said FOCA President John Carter.

Carter urged cottagers to find out where all candidates stand on tax issues such as equity, education grants, market values etc.

So far, of 130 sent out, only 28 Liberals, eight NDP and seven Progressive Conservative MPPs have responded to the letter.

"The onus is on you and your association members to get these answers," said Carter.

Carter said approximately two-thirds of cottagers' tax bills go to paying for provincial programs such as social services and schools and it's unfair.

FOCA is lobbying for the adoption of the Fair Tax Commission recommendations to base taxes on a more income-related basis. They also are demanding the removal of education costs from property taxes, which are "financially devastating" for some cottagers.

He added that government has for too long ignored seasonal residents' economic contributions to the communities in which they make up the largest group of taxpayers.

"Most families have owned their cottages for generations and care passionately about these areas; in many respects, we consider ourselves stewards of the land and water together with our permanent resident neighbour."

"We co-ordinated our votes for the first time... in 1990 and could have been the deciding factor in dozens of ridings across Ontario," said Carter.

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Court case adjourned 'til May 3

Court proceedings have been adjourned until May 3 in the case of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher who has been charged with sexual exploitation. Frank Wallace had his first court appearance on April 19.

Meanwhile, the sentencing for the man who was convicted of the second degree murder of Minden OPP Const. Eric Nystedt has been put off until May 11.

Lenard Phillips of Fenelon Falls fatally stabbed the on-duty police officer at a disturbance near Furnace Falls in July 1993. In February a jury found him guilty of second degree murder, which has an automatic life sentence. The jury recommended the Fenelon Falls man not be eligible for parole for at least 20 years. The judge had been scheduled to announce the sentencing on April 13.

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The resurrection of a party

National PC leader Jean Charest starts from scratch in rebuilding process

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

Something old, something new; something borrowed, something blue.

That's what national Progressive Conservative party leader Jean Charest vows to give Canadians once the Liberal honeymoon ends.

Since being reduced from a majority government to fringe party status two years ago, the Progressive Conservative party has been quietly plotting its political comeback.

Following the last federal election, which saw the party essentially wiped off of the political landscape, the national Tories were declared dead.

But, with 1300 delegates signed up and paid for an upcoming national convention in Hull next week, the first since the election downfall, it appears the resurrection of the party has begun to take place.

As part of a cross-country tour to drum up support leading up to the convention, Charest was guest speaker Tuesday at a riding association luncheon at Moose Lodge in Lindsay, where he shared his vision of the party's future with a supportive crowd of 200.

A much-stressed element of Charest's three-point comeback plan is a return to the party's roots.

And what better place to start than Victoria-Haliburton, which has traditionally been Tory territory for decades.

"This is a part of Canada and Ontario that has a great sense of tradition... and a good sense of conservatism. We are in a position where we have to rebuild and this is a good place to go to start and be with people who understand what it means to be a Progressive Conservative," said the youthful Charest, a political veteran at just 37 years of age.

One of just two elected Tory MPs in '93, Charest has come out of the woods with a plan which he hopes will inject a new life into the party.

The plan, for starters, involves a complete overhaul of the party's internal make-up, the first step being the creation of a new national executive council comprised of riding members and leaders.

"It's very much work that needs to be done in our own backyard. But it's extremely important if we want to offer Canadians a modern national political party — which is exactly what we set out to do," Charest told a group of reporters before his luncheon speech.

The council, he said, will "plug in" riding members to the party leadership and "there will be accountability to everything we do." Once that is in place, a "permanent policy branch" will be set up to ensure that the party sticks to its agenda.

Once those new elements formed, a clear set of policies will be established "re-defining the aims and principles of the party." The process involves a dramatic restructuring from the



MAKING A COMEBACK: National Progressive Leader Jean Charest shared his vision of the party's future with Victoria-Haliburton riding members and supporters at the Moose Lodge last Tuesday.

ground up, says Charest, "as opposed to having a will come down from above and you're being dictated to," as Victoria-Haliburton riding representative Lorne Chester explained.

The reform of the party's policies "is something that you and I are going to do together," he told the enthusiastic capacity crowd.

Despite the devastating rejection of the last election, the country still wants and needs an alternative, mainstream national party, Charest firmly believes.

"When people meet me, everywhere I go they say 'We hope you do well and that you succeed.' What they are really saying is that 'I'm not saying I'll

vote for you next time but I hope you will give me a reason to vote for you next time,'" he says. "And frankly that is very fair. And I think that is the most we can ask for."

Charest is optimistic that the party's rebirth will be achieved. He points to the reduction of the national party's massive debt left behind by the last campaign as an indication of support. "In 1994 we fundraised \$4.2 million and we reimbursed \$1.3 million of our debt... Our net debt is now below \$1 million and that is a real indicator of viability."

Judging by their applause and post-speech comments, those who attended the luncheon left convinced of Charest's ability to meet the challenge he faces. Vibrant, youthful, energetic, sincere and refreshing were the words used by riding members to describe Charest.

And what is Charest's response to recent media reports that a merger between the Tories and the Reform party is imminent?

"When I first heard of merger I thought it was the Liberals that want to merge with me, given their changes," he cracked. Kidding aside, he pointed to an internal fight over the direction of the Reform party and its realization that "unless they are able to expand they are going to sit in opposition all of their lives."

Getting back the votes lost to the Reform party is an important goal, he said, but not at that expense.

Returning a half century of local Tory tradition

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

When Lorne Chester became the Victoria-Haliburton Progressive Conservative candidate in 1993, he was bestowed with a support base of 2,000 members.

Now two years after a humbling election defeat, the riding's membership is down to 500.

And while it took the Mulroney regime nine years to wipe out a century of Tory tradition in Victoria-Haliburton, Chester is hoping to undo the damage in the next three years.

In 1993, John O'Reilly became the riding's first Liberal MP, but Chester, who will lead the local PCs into the next election, says the Tory stronghold can be restored. It will be long climb, but not an insurmountable one.

"We've got to get back to the basics and return to the grassroots. We need to re-establish the credibility and I'm optimistic we can," he says.

The 1993 defeat can be used as a learning experience and an opportunity to return to the party's roots, he says.



TORY TRADITION: National Progressive Conservative Victoria-Haliburton riding representative Lorne Chester, to the left of Charest, says restoring the 48 years of Tory tradition in the riding can be accomplished.

"Most people in the riding are right of centre and have values such as a strong work ethic and individual responsibility. I think the Mulroney government took off in a different direction in the latter years," says Chester.

Lifelong local Tory supporters didn't shift their political views, he said, it was the party that did. And once the party returns to those principles and values which it was founded on, those voters will return, he says.

"In '93 it was mostly a protest against Mulroney and the direction he took the party in. He steered us off course."

"We've got to refocus on what it means to be a PC and what it has meant in the past. In other words more focus on conserva-

tive philosophy."

Gwen McFadden, a member of the riding's executive committee, believes the party's resurrection has already begun in the community.

"I think we're in a real transition. Old members are coming back and even people who have normally been associated in the past with other parties are coming in. We are seeing a lot of new faces."

Rising association member and Haliburton resident Art Ward says "I definitely think the party will rise from the ashes. There is still a tremendous number of supporters for the party within the county and across the country."

Monmouth politician dies

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

One of Monmouth's longest-serving politicians died last week of complications arising from cancer treatments.

Harry Clark was a member of Monmouth council for the past 17 years, most recently as deputy-reeve. He was 72 and had been suffering from cancer and a heart condition. He died in a Peterborough hospital on April 21.

"I'm going to miss him," says Reeve Keith Tallman. "He certainly had his own views on everything but I respected him for it."

"He kept an eye on the budget and if we spend a dollar he wanted to know where it went."

Mr. Clark was born at his family's farmhouse in Wilberforce. After he married Marion Clark, they moved to Peterborough, where he owned a roofing business and worked for an ice plant, says his sister, Hilda Clark. He also served in the army during World War II, but not overseas.

In the late 1950s, Mr. Clark's father was having difficulty running the farm on his own, so the Clarks returned to the area. As well as being a farmer, Mr. Clark was a safety inspector at construction sites. He kept cattle at the original homestead until two years ago.

"He took great pride in the area," says his sister, who relied on her brother as a font of information about local history.

The Wilberforce Legion held a memorial service on Sunday night. His funeral was Monday afternoon at St. Margaret's Anglican Church in Wilberforce. Memorial donations are to be made to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary.

He leaves behind his wife, their daughter Linda and her husband Terry Stamp of Mississauga, daughter Brenda and her husband Byron Kellar of Mississauga, son Ward and his wife Gail of Enniskillen, four grandchildren, his brother Gordon and his wife Joan and sister Hilda. He was predeceased by a brother and two sisters.

Monmouth council has not yet decided how it will replace the late Harry Clark on council, but Reeve Keith Tallman says an election is very unlikely.

Instead, council will probably decide to move one of the three councillors to the deputy-reeve's position. (If the reeve or deputy's chair becomes vacant, the position must be filled from within the existing council.) It would then appoint someone to be the new councillor. The three councillors are Ruth Strong, Wren Hughes and Rick Forget.

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Long-time Curry Motors bookkeeper retires Friday

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

When Mary Pearsell started working at Curry Motors, she didn't know if she had the skills to do the job.

Almost 30 years later, the Haliburton car dealership doesn't know what it will do without her.

This Friday is Mrs. Pearsell's last day of work at the downtown business.

"We'll all miss her. She's very dedicated," says co-owner Don Popple, whose father-in-law Ron Curry hired Mrs. Pearsell in October, 1966.

Back then, Mrs. Pearsell was nervous about applying for the job. She had been doing bookkeeping for Thomas Irwin on the main street and one day she met her cousin Len Salvatori on the way to the post office. He worked at the dealership (and later became one of the owners). Mrs. Pearsell knew the job was open. But could she do it?

"He said 'Sure, go in and talk to Ron' only I went home and talked to my husband, Gordon."

She knew very little about cars, let alone garages, and while she wasn't worried about being the only woman in the office, she was worried about having the necessary experience.

Meanwhile, Mr. Salvatori had told Mr. Curry about his cousin's interest in the position. Mr. Curry obviously had confidence in Mrs. Pearsell's abilities because he came to her house to ask her if she wanted the job. Mrs. Pearsell can't imagine an employer doing that today.

She smiles when she remembers



"There's a lot of things I've left undone," says Mary Pearsell, who plans to spend more time with her family and helping with her church after her retirement on Friday

the day when the tables had been turned and she was visiting Mr. Curry at his house on Highland Street. She was 12 years old and Mr. Curry had just married Maxine. The village had a chivaree and she was one of the revellers. The crowd dispersed when Mr. Curry gave each of them a nickel.

A lot more money would pass through Mrs. Pearsell's books over the next 29 years, and she's worked hard to make sure that every penny was properly accounted for. At first she also answered the phone and worked the till for the gas bar, but as the company grew, she concentrated solely on bookkeeping. One person, upon hearing of Mrs. Pearsell's retirement, said Curry Motors would have to hire two people to replace her since so much information was

stored in her head.

"I'm not going to fill her shoes, I'm just doing her job," smiles Mrs. Pearsell's replacement, Lynn Troke.

To help with the transition — both for her and the business — Mrs. Pearsell will be working there one day a week for a while.

She has no immediate plans. She wants to be able to spend more time with her mother, Vittoria Formica, who's in Extendicare, as well as with her husband, two children and three grandchildren, who also live in Haliburton. She's also very involved with her church, and she has a long-harboured desire to visit Italy, where her parents were born.

"There's a lot of things I've left undone," she says, still a bit worried whether she'll have time to do everything she wants to.

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Keeping it in all the family

Owners can minimize costs of passing down cottages

by **STEPHEN SHAW**
Staff Reporter

For most cottage owners, their seasonal utopian retreat is more than just a second home: it is a family treasure.

While permanent residences tend to be sold by the second generation beneficiaries, the cottage often is an asset passed down from generation to generation.

But with rising taxes and increasing regulations, a smooth transfer of ownership from parents to children is a far more complicated and costly task than it once was.

There are, however, ways to minimize expenses and heartache, says Peter Lillico, a Peterborough estate planning lawyer. "You don't need to throw your arms up in the air and say 'Well we're doomed, we may as well hand the cottage over to the government and let them deal with the septic tank problem,'" he told a group of 400 cottage representatives at Saturday's Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations spring conference.

Lillico offered a number of tips on securing the future you want for your cottage, because "the days are gone where you could just simply say 'It is in my will and everything goes to the children so let them deal with it as they see fit.'"

For starters, says Lillico, anyone considering passing on their cottage to their children should move fast.

With the recent abolishment of certain Capital Gains Tax exemptions, those who have put themselves in the right financial

position have a "window of opportunity" at the moment to save in taxes, he says. Because real estate values have yet to recover from their pre-recession levels, the opportunity is there to limit the government hit.

"It would be a pre-emptive move transferring it now," said Lillico. "Cottage prices are relatively low, they are going to go up again. The longer you wait... the more expensive the Capital Gains Taxation is going to be either for you or your estate."

The only other Capital Gains Tax escape route is to make the cottage a principal residence, an exemption still permitted.

And while there are no escapes from death itself, there are from death taxes if you make the right moves. Thousands of dollars in probate fees, a form of estate processing taxation, can be avoided through the use of trust funds and joint ownership, he said.

Once you're past the issue of planning the actual transfer of the cottage ownership, there are other aspects to consider to ensure it is kept in the family.

"The kids may not realize how expensive it is just to keep a cottage going. Heat, hydro, maintenance, taxes; all of these things are expensive and they continue to get more and more expensive," said Lillico urging those that can afford it to arrange a testamentary trust — a

slush fund specifically put aside to cover the cottage's costs.

Without the finances to keep up a cottage, children are often forced into putting it up for sale, he said.

Once money matters have been taken care of, there's still the trivial but occasionally troubling responsibility issues to resolve: Who is to be in charge of opening and closing the cottage? Who is responsible for paying the bills, who has access during what times ("Who gets first crack at the long week-

ends?")?

All are issues that in the past were usually taken care of by the parents, but without them to act as mediators, can easily become "a bone of contention" leading to the sale of the cottage.

"Set out a structure," says Lillico advising the drawing up of a joint ownership agreement to work out the problems in advance. "Organize these things now

because if you leave it to the kids it may never happen. They'll just be navigating by the seat of their pants. I see this happen all of the time again and again. When a cottage is passed on to the next generation a year or two later it is up for sale because the children are so unhappy," he said.

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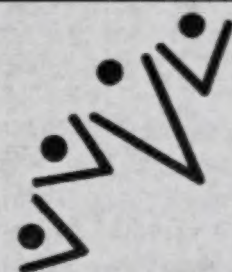


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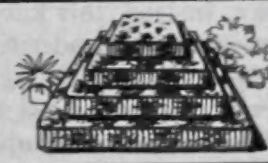


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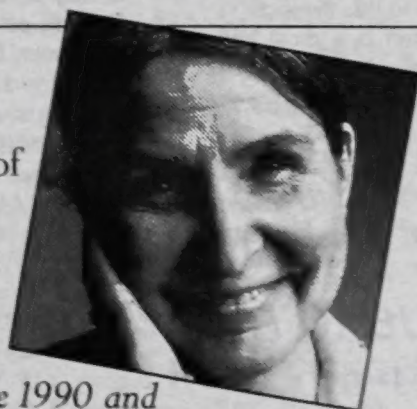
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Editorial

Time to work together

It almost feels as if the county should be expressing condolences to the people of Minden. After losing one of the village's over-worked doctors, the community has been thrown in turmoil over the fate of the hospital. The threat of closure shows just how tenuous the situation has been for the past few years. One doctor leaves, and the entire system almost falls apart.

Everyone empathizes with Dr. Anthony Holliday-Rhodes' former patients, who don't know where to turn. When you need a doctor, you're usually sick or injured. And when you're sick or injured, you're also scared and nervous. At least the Minden Hospital's emergency department will stay open, but that's little comfort to the people who want to avoid becoming an emergency.

All through this area, doctors are saying they can't take any more patients because the patients they have are already complaining about long waiting times for appointments. Haliburton, which is in the enviable position of having eight doctors, wants to make sure those doctors aren't over-worked so they too aren't tempted to move. It won't help anyone if the medical system in both communities disintegrates, especially since many Minden residents already "doctor" in Haliburton.

Minden has a tough row to hoe. Across this province, rural communities are in a desperate search for doctors. More than an invitation is needed as Minden throws its hat into the competition. For one, doctors will have to know that the hospital situation is stabilized, and that won't happen if the Acting Health Services Board is constantly delayed in its quest to build meaningful hospital resources for the county. If this process is stalled much longer, then the entire county will suffer. In fact, there's the very real chance that the province - which desperately needs the \$6-million it's committed to Haliburton County's healthcare reform - will take back the money. After all, the people in Haliburton County seem in no hurry to spend it. And it will definitely be a long time before the county votes NDP again.

Finding a solution will take the combined efforts of the entire county. Victoria County and Muskoka aren't in a hurry to help us, so we have to help ourselves. We'd better start now.

A knee-jerk reaction

In the past, Echo editorials have demanded that the provincial government get its financial house in order. So now that the province has announced it will close the Bark Lake Leadership Centre, ostensibly as a cost-cutting measure, can we complain? Is it a matter of demanding restraint as long as it doesn't affect us?

We don't see it that way because it's hard to discover a logical explanation for the closure. Instead, this knee-jerk reaction seems to show the government doesn't understand what makes people so angry about the province's spending habits. People expect governments to spend money; they just want it spent on something worthwhile. Bark Lake serves a purpose. It provides jobs, enhances educational opportunities and has a dedicated staff full of innovative ideas. It's also halfway towards its goal of becoming self-sufficient.

Some people say the province made the cut to look tough on spending. Instead, it just looks silly. Why would the government decide to close the centre, which it has invested \$5-million in, and then leave it up to the staff to find a new partner?

The province is indeed spending too much money. Every day, reams of faxes are sent from Queen's Park to the Echo office. It seems a new task force is formed daily. There's endless consultation, endless new programs. The government is constantly trying to create a society in its own image, believing it is the way, the truth and the light. But to cut costs, how much easier it is to close a camp on a quiet stretch of highway in an out-of-the-way place like Haliburton.

M.P.

Along the Koshlong Lake road

Letters to the Editor

Focus on positives, not negatives

To the Editor:

Congratulations on your negative reporting of the proposed crisis centre. The content of your recent article focused on how council extracted major concessions from Steve Bowskill as opposed to the positive fact that the crisis centre will be built.

The issue here stems from previous buildings. In council's wisdom this was an opportunity to blackmail me. To this point I would simply remind council, and in all fairness, this present council is not the one in which I had previous dealings, that is has always been offered to buy parking. It is only now after five years that someone has seen the wisdom of this offer. To the present council I applaud them on their efforts to resolve this issue. I personally believe it's time to move on and help those who have dedicated so much time and effort to this project.

Haliburton is a great and caring community; why not focus on some of the positives.

Steve Bowskill,
Eagle Lake

Lay violence issue to rest

To the Editor:

How many different ways can Sheri Hawkins say the same thing?

It appears that the Echo is being used, and not just by guest columnists, to exploit personal positions instead of objectively reporting on current issues. I am speaking, of course, of the recent profiles of family

violence issues and the obvious bias that flavours every article. The result of this 'style' of reporting ...a questioning of the paper's integrity and credibility. As the expression goes in the

newspaper world, it's time to put the issue to bed!

Sue Grieves,
Haliburton

Reader offers shortcuts for info-highway travellers

To the Editor:

I read with interest your article on the Internet and Chris McMurray's late-night net surfing.

I too have been accessing the internet from Haliburton and have discovered a few efficiencies which your readers may find helpful.

The regular long distance rates in Ontario start at a minimum of 36 cents per minute, but Toronto is only 37 cents per minute. Bell Canada offers various off-peak discounts, including 60 per cent off after 11:00 p.m. Midnight discounts are applicable when calling outside of Bell Canada's territory, such as to western Canada. After spending literally hundreds of dollars in long distance charges, I discovered that Sprint Canada's long distance plan is very useful for serious modem users. They offer 50 per cent off of Bell Canada's already discounted rates for the number you call most frequently.

Haliburtonians who are seeking access to the internet might find it difficult finding a company who can set them up for

internet access. I have some experience with a company called Passport. They offer full internet access using a Windows program called Pipeline, which they will give you free if you want an on-line demonstration. Users can read up to the minute AP newswire feeds, read movie reviews, or surf the World Wide Web by clicking with their mouse.

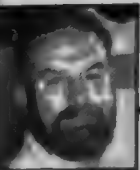
Passport has announced that they will be offering local access to all of Ontario hopefully by the end of the year.

I have found though, that surfing the net is interesting, but has limited usefulness, especially at \$5.50 per hour. I get the most use out of having an internet address. With an off-line mail reader program, I can read and write my internet mail while not connected. The program saves incoming and outgoing packets of mail so you can call in, send all your mail at once in a packet, and receive all of your mail in a packet very quickly, and log off, thus minimizing on-line time, and long distance charges.

Peter Gowdy
Haliburton

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Tales from the Canadian Arctic



PERSPECTIVES
Lon Duncombe

ONE SUNNY EVENING in August 1975 I decided to do some exploring. I had recently arrived in Grise Fiord, an Inuit community of slightly over one hundred souls marooned on the south shore of Ellesmere Island, in the Canadian high Arctic. At 76 degrees latitude it was, and is, the northern most civilian community in Canada. Compasses were useless: civilian aircraft, usually the ubiquitous Twin Otter, were fitted with astrolabes as backup which required sightings of the sun to determine position. As manager of the local co-operative I would make this settlement my home for the next two years.

On this late summer evening the temperature was hovering slightly above the freezing mark. The sun would not be setting for a couple of weeks and circled high in the sky. A series of

faced with a deep, icy rubble-filled crater which I would have to traverse. Disappointed, I turned around, sat down on a smooth ledge and decided to enjoy the view before returning to the village.

An Arctic panorama spread out in front of me. I was surrounded by ice, rock and sea. The bright, diamond-sparkled blue of Jones Sound shepherded seaward a host of ghostly icebergs calved from the inner recesses of the fiord. Grise Fiord was now an insignificant huddle of matchboxes lost on an expanse of rocky shore far below. No other human habitation existed within 300 kilometers from where I sat. God's creation was beautiful, awe-inspiring, overwhelming.

Feet dangling over the edge, I looked straight downward. The pattern of giant boulders I had passed on the tundra now disclosed their secret. Like the glaciers, they too had calved, from the very gorge I had just been climbing.

The streams I had waded found their source at the base of the cliff. The destructive force of ice and frost was now only too

My return trip took on a distinct nightmarish hue. I now had to pass down through this precarious rubble heap to reach safety

snow-topped rocky hills provided a backdrop for the settlement and I was determined to see what was on the other side. After a brief meal of corned beef and canned spinach I put on my trusty Kodiak boots and a light jacket and set out.

The clarity of the Arctic air was deceiving. The "hills" were several kilometers distant from the village. I soon found myself confronted by a mass of rocks and rubble stretching several thousand feet in the air. At the base of these hills - now mountain-sized - huge grey boulders studded the flower-strewn tundra. In several places rushing streams blocked my progress. The sun felt warm, however, and I was exhilarated by the exotic landscape. I carried my boots and waded through the icy waters.

My goal - the mountain top - continually receded. I eventually reached a rocky outcrop to find my way blocked. This was in fact no mountain, but a bluff leading down to the sea from the glacier-covered highlands of Ellesmere island. On the other side, hidden from below, I was

evident. I was sitting on an unstable pile of crumbling rock.

My return trip took on a distinct nightmarish hue. I now had to pass down through this precarious rubble heap to reach safety. I realized that I had told no-one of my trip.

Wisps of fog started to come in from the ocean and soon I was surrounded by a grey wet world. What chance would I have if tons of rock let go, as so obviously had happened in the past? Who would find my body? Would anyone even bother to look? The nearest hospital, Frobisher Bay, was over 1500 kilometers away. An air ambulance would take hours, perhaps days, to arrive in Grise Fiord.

I remember little else of my return to Grise Fiord. Several hours later, shivering and exhausted, I staggered through the door of my matchbox home. In the sanctuary of my darkened bedroom, windows tin-foiled to keep out the ever-present daylight, I fell into an uneasy sleep. The feelings of awe and insignificance in the face of nature engendered by that trip I have never forgotten.

Pic of the Past

This lovely old photograph was taken in Kinmount circa 1914 and shows Josiah Walker and Wilber Lyle at Mr. Walker's blacksmith shop. Told that the smith's air not good for his health, the Walkers left Kinmount in 1920 and moved to Garden Hill. Our thanks to Mr. Walker's daughter, Eliza Beatty of Extencicare, and her son, Bill Beatty of Drag Lake, for sharing the photo and information. It's Mrs. Beatty's 90th birthday on April 27.



Bye, bye dear, see you at supper

WELL, I MIGHT AS WELL 'fess up because living in a small town as we do, you'll probably hear it one way or another. My daughter left home last night. At the ripe old age of 4 years and 332 days, she decided to seek her fortune elsewhere. Before you start to fret, I must tell you that she has returned and all's well that end's well. It was indeed short-lived and we have resolved everything to an amicable end, for now!

We hear about the terrible twos and all of the trials and tribulations that come and go with that age. The "experts" tell us that it is a struggle for independence and in many ways, the tossing-off of babyhood. We as parents know that it can indeed be frustrating, disheartening and a down-right pain in the neck. I'm starting to feel like the terrible twos are the tip of the iceberg. The following years promise to be as challenging and nerve-shattering, if not more so. The children have the same need for independence and they also have an accompanying vocabulary.

It started innocently enough the other night with the four-(nearly five)-year-old in question pretending to be the family

dog. As we all sat down to dinner and the "dog" kept up its incessant howling, it was pronounced that if the "dog" couldn't quiet down, the "dog" would have to go outside. Well, sure enough, just to see where this would go, the "dog" pushed



ANNECDOTES
Anne Creelman

things until she was put outside. Well then the wailing started and the leaving home took place. If I hadn't already seen a similar performance with my son two years ago, I probably would have been a little more distraught. But this song had been sung before.

I always remember the stories of my sister's departure from home early one morning because my mother had denied her the Coke she wanted for breakfast. She spent a lovely day with the neighbours and returned never to mention pop for breakfast again. I myself decided to leave home after an argument about ballet class and not until I had assembled all my worldly goods. These consisted of a velveteen bunny, my Etch-a-Sketch, a Winnie-the-Pooh charm bracelet and a gob

stopper, for nutritional purposes. I loaded these onto my toboggan and set out down the driveway, never to return. Needless to say, it got dark and I got hungry! I think every family has at least one story of when "so-and-so" left home. I'm told one of my brothers-in-law left so many times the family finally stopped taking any notice.

I think there are lessons to be learned on both sides of the leaving home exercise. I think the child learns that maybe their parents do have to be taken seriously and maybe, just maybe, they know what they are talking about some of the time. I think they also learn that as hard as it is for them to swallow their pride, their parents still love them and understand why they felt this way in the first place.

I think we as parents learn to be great actors in our acceptance of these reasons why the children come home. We're always learning about each other after all.

And so for the time being, all is quiet on the home front. But I'm sure the situation will rise again when one of the kids will stalk out the door, never return. And I'll be following along right behind them, hidden in the trees of course!

More Letters to the Editor

Chamber of Commerce left off list

To the Editor:

The Toronto Daily Star carried a full page ad on Saturday, April 15, advertising the Travel and Leisure Show at the Toronto International Centre.

Among the published list of exhibitors were Muskoka Tourism, Victoria County Tourism, Barrie Visitors Bureau and Bruce County Tourism.

The Haliburton County Chamber of Commerce was not included in this list. And we wonder why our local economy is suffering.

Janet Bradley,
Haliburton

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by Charlie Telford





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Guest Column

Unconditional love & a link to the past

By JUSTIN HUGHES
Special to the Echo

PSYCHOLOGISTS TELL US that grandparents are an important link between generations, and that a strong relationship with grandparents can improve a child's self-esteem. But anyone who has ever cuddled on his grandmother's knee or followed his grandfather as he did the chores doesn't need an expert to tell him that.

Grandparents are important because they offer unconditional love. Parents brood over a child's marks in school, and always point out the child's imperfections, but grandparents always look straight to the highest mark. When I get 95% on a math test, I can rest assured that my mother will say "If you got 95 you can get a 100 with a little more effort." I think nothing of it because I have come to expect it. However, if my grandparents see the same mark, there is no end to the praise.

If the local kids tease you about being overweight, grandparents will tell you that skinny kids get cold easily. If you are a "problem" at school, and the teacher loses his temper with you, he'd better hope your grandparents don't hear about it. I know that my grandmother would be more than willing to tear a strip off any teacher who hassled me.

Grandparents are more than just people who give kids a (sometimes inflated) sense of self worth. They are every person's link to their past. The best tales that I've ever been told were spun off by my grandparents. Through these stories I have learned what people went through to get to where they are today, whether it

was my grandfather's lessons of morality based on a war-torn Europe, or the stories of the Great Depression. I have also learned about Canada and my ancestral homeland - the way they were. Whether a family came from Canada, Scotland or Tibet, their past is important. We need to know why our family is the way it is. It is through grandparents that we learn the pioneers were tough, and that's why our family is, or that the Scots never let anybody bully them, and that's why we don't either.

Grandparents may tell us who we are but when we look at them we often see who we are. I've had dozens of people point out and laugh at the way my toes point outward while I walk, but I've never let it bother me. I'd just shrug and say "It's heredity, speak to my grandfather." On the other hand I have my grandfather to thank for the unique copper colour of my beard, an attribute

which has given me considerable success with the opposite sex. Every one of us owes our greatest attributes to our grandparents. It is true that some of our negative, not so great attributes, also came from our grandparents, but we can blame those on our parents.

Grandparents have always been important, but in today's tough, changing times they are more important than ever. My grandparents have helped me know who I am, where I came from and where I'm going.

Justin Hughes is an OAC student in Etobicoke. He hopes to study journalism. In the meantime, he'll be travelling, including a visit to his grandparents, Bill and Joan Moore of Kinmount.

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Haliburton skaters wrap up season

Several awards presented

The Haliburton Figure Skating Club wrapped up another successful season with a dinner at the Dysart arena on April 11.

It was a time for skaters and their families to relax and reflect on their efforts over the past few months. As well as having fun, the skaters also worked diligently to practise their skills and learn new steps. Much improvement was seen over the winter, which bodes well for the club's suc-

cess next year.

After the dinner, several awards were announced and they are as follows:

The Sarah Burke Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Canskate Group was given to the "bikini" girls. (They performed the Yellow Polka Dot Bikini sketch at the skating carnival.)

The skaters are Ashley Barry, Deann Boulton, Erin Burtch, Tansi Carey, Tobi Espie, Kerry Heming, Nicole

Pockett, Andrea Lindenberg, Jasmine Prindiville, Amanda Wells, Jenna Wilcox and Jill Lewis. Sarah's mother, Glenda Burke, presented the trophy.

The Most Improved Skater is Tori Browne.

The Leadership Award went to Cassandra Nimigon.

Amy Wood was given the trophy for Most Sportsmanlike Behaviour.

Karen Perrott's hard work was recognized when she was given the Volunteer Award.



AWARD WINNERS: Several skaters belonging to the Haliburton Figure Skating Club were presented with awards recently. The club wrapped up its season with a dinner and awards presentation on April 11. Among the award-winning skaters were Cassandra Nimigon, who won the leadership award, Tori Browne, who was the most improved skater, and Amy Wood, who was awarded for most sportsmanlike behaviour.

Badminton players heading off to COSSA

Ten of 19 high school junior and senior badminton players who competed in last week's Peterborough qualifier have advanced to the COSSA finals.

After placing in the top four in the Kawartha South-West Qualifying round two weeks ago, the team faced competition from the Kawartha North Central division as well.

The following players will compete in the COSSA finals in Lindsay and

Picton this week:

Seniors ladies' singles, Tomlinson, mens' Will Wallace, senior ladies' doubles Jaime Kent and Stacey Bunn, mens' doubles Jonathan Bishop and Lindsay Francis. All qualified with 2nd place finishes.

Also going off to the finals are the Junior ladies' doubles Janene Garbutt and Jesse Wallace qualifying in 1st place and Tiffini Cowan and Amber-Lee Cully, with a 3rd placing.

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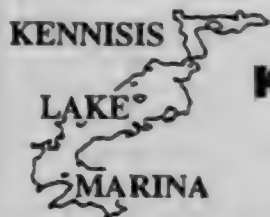
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Anglers say location is the key to fishing success

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

With the lakes and rivers free of ice, local anglers have put away their huts and pulled out their tackle boxes in preparation for the summer fishing season.

The early bird gets the worm, they say, and local fishermen got a head start on preparing for the season Wednesday night.

Professional tournament anglers Wes Laverque and Pete Pokulak brought their travelling 'Let's Talk Fishing' seminar to the Minden Community Centre.

The workshop, sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association, offered fishermen a variety of tips to improve their success as well as a chance to find out about new equipment available.

The two full-time anglers — Laverque is from Omemee and Pokulak from Whitby — spoke about different types of fishing as well offering some of the secrets to their success.

It's all in the location.

Before you can catch a fish, you have to know where they are. "Ninety per cent of the fish



are caught by 10 per cent of the anglers, and 10 per cent of the anglers know where 90 per cent of the fish are," revealed Laverque.

Fish are creatures of habit, he explains, and they live for two reasons. "One for food source and two not to become a food source."

A good location is anywhere there is a structure where the fish can find shade, food or shelter. Weed pockets, shoals, rock piles, dropoffs, docks or island points are all areas to look for.

He encouraged anglers to do their homework before grabbing the rod, which means gathering

information and studying maps of the body of water and pinpointing areas in advance.

Another tip: When fishing for walleye, look for areas where mayflies are hatching and go to the nearest mudflat. "You'll have a field day."

While the two pros fish regularly on the North American circuit, Haliburton County is blessed with among the best trout fishing anywhere, said Pokulak, who makes it an annual habit to visit an area near Redstone Lake (he wouldn't give away where).

"You people here have just a beautiful fishery up here. The trout are just fantastic," he said.

Boater licensing on the horizon

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

It's just a matter of how and how much, but boater licensing and registration are on the way.

A joint federal and provincial task force is looking at overhauling the existing system, which is "grossly inadequate," says Ministry of Transportation Assistant Director Frank D'Onofrio. It hasn't yet been determined whether the existing system will be revised or replaced with a brand new one.

"There are huge holes in the entire system and it's not a very good data base of what's actually happening in terms of people who boat," D'Onofrio said.

Fifty per cent of boating activities in Canada take place in Ontario.

"We have more boats that are more powerful and bigger than ever, and new types of watercraft and there is

a growing concern about the continuing number of fatalities," he said.

The task force has been divided into three task forces: vessel licensing; operator proficiency and safety programs; and enforcement and policing. Each committee is made up of

private members of the boating public, government representatives from both levels, Coast Guard officials, financial institutions and industry.

While some recreationists view the changes as just "another money-grab" by government, "I know from our perspective the only reason the provincial government got into this with the federal government was to improve boater safety," he said.

He conceded that there is no new money from government for the required services, so creative thought will be needed in setting up the new system.

Which types of vessels to be included for licensing and registration hasn't yet been determined.

On average there are 80 boat-related deaths in Ontario each year and between 300 and 350 across the country

Boater training until now has been voluntary, although corner's inquests in recent years have strongly urged manda-

tory boater training and testing.

The task force is to complete its initial review in May to be followed by a public consultation period in the summer.

In the meantime, a pilot project introducing a traffic-type ticketing system may be implemented this season.

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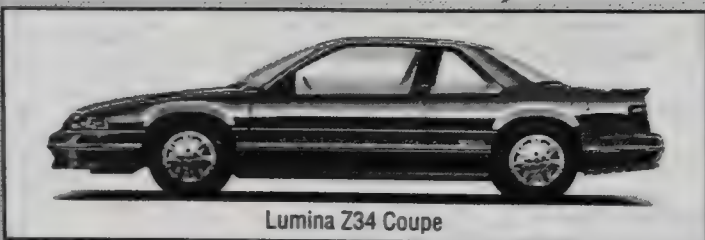


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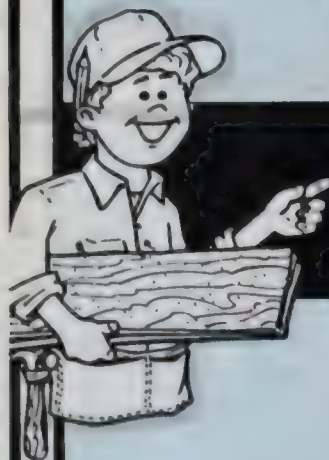
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Welcome to the first edition of HHSS News

Welcome to the first "joint venture" between the Haliburton County Echo and the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Over the past few weeks, students in Irv Sternberg's retail class have been accompanying our sales representatives, Les Feero and Laura Johnston. Students Brad Foster, Josh Schell, Jay Grant, Amy Swan, Tiffany Cowan and Tammy Carey suggested ways businesses could reach teenagers and then sold those ideas to the businesses which are advertising in this supplement.

Under the guidance of Bob Penfold, members of Literary Society wrote the stories which fill the pages with a student's perspective of life in the Highlands. We also include the works of students who won Marion Drysdale creative writing awards in the competition sponsored by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

Caitlin Pettit, an accomplished Grade 10 artist, came up with the illustrations and newspaper logo.

There's also a message from Principal Gary Brohman, an enthusiastic supporter of this venture, and helpful reminders from Vice-Principal Michael Burke, whose hard work in pulling all these people together is much appreciated.

On behalf of the Echo and Mr. Brohman, we say thank you to all the contributors and supporters of this new venture. This may be the first HHSS News, but it might not be the last.

Happy Reading

Martha Perkins,
Editor

IT'S NATURAL!

Students develop program to teach younger kids about the wonders of the natural world

by SARAH LEVIS
HHSS Literary Society

The bus going to Gooderham has about ten people on it. Most of them are eating their lunches and talking. But one student is silently reading a piece of paper that biology teacher Dave Mowat gave him when he got on the bus. At length, he moves up to sit behind the teacher, and politely points out that the Grade 5 students would probably understand the directions "look southwest" better than "look south of west".

Mr. Mowat disagrees. They haggle over the issue for a bit, then finally come to a compromise. Satisfied, the student moves back to his seat and continues to proof-read the sheet, a script for an activity on basic orienteering in a forest setting.

The concept behind the sheet and the bus trip to Gooderham is the ELM project, the result of an idea that Mowat's 1993 OAC biology class came up with. ELM is an acronym for Energy, Lifestyles, and Matter. It was coined by OAC student, Jeanette Wheeler.

"She just got it from three words that I kept mentioning," Mr. Mowat smiles. "I had no idea what I was going to call it."

ELM is a lot of things, but above all it is an opportunity for



RIP VAN SYRUP: Tammy Packard blends in with her forest surroundings as she waits to greet trail walkers in the ELM project

elementary school students to learn about the natural world they live in, while having fun at the same time. Similar to the Sunship Earth program run by Camp Wanakita, the whole program revolves around a "concept trail" that winds through the bush behind the high school.

The project got into full swing last year, with the pilot group being the Grade 3 and 4 class

from Gooderham Elementary School. The teacher, Jim Hopkins, was extremely enthusiastic about the program from the very beginning. He worked closely with Mr. Mowat and the people who were developing ELM to make sure that the program would be as effective as possible for the "clients", as Mr. Mowat referred to the class that

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A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL GARY BROHMAN

The winds of change are blowing

We at Hal High are now at the half-way point of semester two in the 1994-95 school year. Destreaming in Grade 9 and semestering for the entire school are in the middle of their second year and, I believe, working well for both students and teachers. The 550-page For the Love of Learning report of the Royal Commission on Learning was no sooner in our hands when the Ministry of Education and Training issued a major document charting new directions in education, The Common Curriculum, Grades 1 - 9. The Ministry did not stop there. It also has school boards, teachers, support staff and students developing Race and Ethnocultural policies, Violence-Free School policies and Ontario School Councils. Over the past month the Minister of Education has made a series of announcements outlining which aspects of the Royal Commission Report

will become provincial policy.

Educational change has always been an expected part of our professional lives. We have always managed effectively in the past, and these new challenges will be handled by staff to provide the best opportunities for our students at Hal High. It takes partnership with students, parents, the community at large, the Board and the Ministry to make everything work, and I'm convinced that a solid partnership is in place to handle these changes leading us into the 21st Century.

Our school has been assigned a host of



Gary Brohman

responsibilities that, taken together, require us to embody and teach values that are increasingly inconsistent with the times; to teach co-operation when competition in the workplace is the skill required; to teach love of learning when the utility of applied knowledge is what is valued; to teach creativity when accomplishment is based on testing. It is increasingly difficult to meet all the expectations of society, but I strongly believe that our teaching staff works for the ultimate goal which is preparing life-long learners who strive for excellence in a challenging and changing world.

Our school supports this vision

through a wide range of initiatives: continued emphasis on professional development for teachers through a school-based planning model; our careful planning of Transition Years and Outcome-Based Education; our dedication to our school credo - Respect Commitment and Responsibility; and on-going support from our Board of Education.

We at Hal High believe that change is the future and by developing basic skills in literacy, numeracy, theory and use of technologies, our students will be successful.

There is much to do in the months ahead as we work together to deliver the highest quality program to our students. As Principal, I wish to acknowledge your support as parents for our school. This support, the quality of our student body and the dedication of our staff will ensure that we will remain strong in the future.

ELM programme teaches leaders and participants

It's a step toward learning to create a sustainable society

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would be walking the trail.

The many different requirements that needed to be met to get the program off the ground ensured that as many interested people as possible could be involved.

"ELM is people pooling their talents for the benefit of others,"

Mr. Mowat explained. The amount of work that needed to be done at the onset of the program was staggering. The proposed trail had to be cleared, activities for the trail had to be written, props and costumes had to be designed and created, and trail leaders had to be trained.

Consequently, students from all areas of the school were able to lend a hand to bring ELM to life. Students Cara Donnelly and Meaghan Obee are the acting managers of this year's ELM program, and have put many hours into making the trail work.

"I couldn't get along without them," Mr. Mowat says of the two Grade 12 students. "Any credit given to the ELM project should go to them."

The result of the hard work of countless Drama, English and Biology students is a groomed trail, checked for safety, with five to seven stations focusing on environmental concepts, props, costumes, games and several interesting characters along the way. Last year's clients, including teacher Jim Hopkins, were extremely satisfied with the results.

The clients are taken along the trail in groups of three or four, guided by a trail leader. The trail leaders are

students of HHSS who are currently enrolled in a biology course. The training for trail leaders is extensive. As well as learning the trail inside and out, the visited the Gooderham school several times to get to know the clients that they would be leading. When asked why the group made so many

in ELM can earn a student credit in Biology, Drama or English. And there is a waiting list of students who would like to work on the project.

"ELM fills a need that everyone has," Mr. Mowat told the Echo. "It fills a need for community that our technological society destroys by its very nature."

ELM is an example of a new trend that the world of business is taking - more of an emphasis on community, group-building, and the concept that the actual product is less important than the process of making it a reality. This is further reinforced by the fact that several large corporations have hired specialists in group-building to create more of a sense of working together within the company. Mr. Mowat describes the process taken to create ELM as "a step towards attitude change for a sustainable society."

Changes to the program this year include expansion of two more grades, two more elementary schools, the addition of music to

the trail, and adaptation of the trail itself to suit the new program. The first group of clients comes for their tour next week.

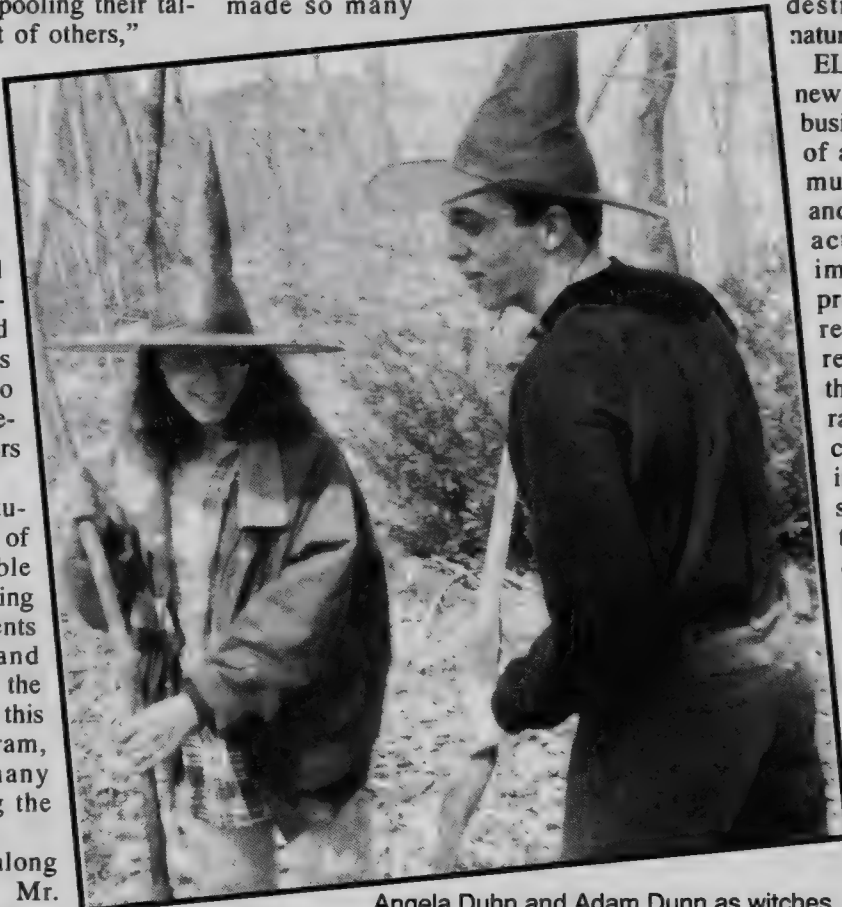
As the busload of trail leaders pulls into the parking lot at Gooderham Elementary School, the faces of the perspective clients are pushed against the fence even before the teenagers disembark. Mr. Mowat smiles at their eagerness to be the first ones to greet the strangers from the high school who, in a few weeks, will lead them around the mystical ELM trail that they've heard so much about.

visits to the client schools, Mr. Mowat explained that it really enhances the experience for the kids.

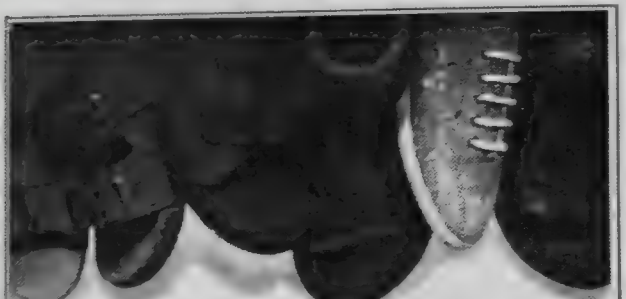
"It's an exercise in trust-building, in understanding the needs of your clients so that you can do your best to fulfill the," he explained. "It's a common practice in outdoor education."

From watching the trail leaders interact with the clients, it is hard to tell who has more fun. This year, trail leader training included an overnight at Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve.

ELM has been widely received by the community and the school. Work



Angela Duhn and Adam Dunn as witches



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WHAT HAPPENED TO EARTH DAY?

Interest appears to be waning as students don't take the initiative to plan events

by Sarah Levis

April 22 is Earth Day, a day set aside each year to appreciate the beautiful and abundant nature that surrounds us, and to contemplate how we can keep it that way. For the last three years, an Earth Day committee at HHSS has organized activities to celebrate Earth Day. But, for some reason, no action has been taken to recognize Earth Day at HHSS this year.

An article was originally planned for this space on this year's plans for Earth Day at HHSS. But when Bruce Griffith, Martha Steen and Jennifer Paton (organizers in past years) were approached, all three confirmed that nothing had been planned for Earth Day this year. The Earth Day committee has traditionally been fairly small, although its numbers have started to grow in the last year or two. They have been responsible for bulletin boards, announcements and "environmentally friendly" games such as Earth Ball and the Recyclable Beverage Container Toss.

The question is, why isn't HHSS celebrating Earth Day? Is the environment becoming passé? Or is another factor at work?

"No students have initiated action this year," says Jennifer Paton. "The teachers

can't do it all."

Her concern is well noted. Teachers are busy people, and many of them coach sports or act as staff advisors to clubs as well as putting in full days at work. A teacher can only do so much. As well, many of the key members who served on prior Earth Day committees have graduated. Perhaps students aren't sure what to do to promote Earth Day, or maybe they are just too busy to put something else on their plate.

When asked if she thought that the environment was possibly becoming a dead issue, Mrs. Paton was quick to say no. There hasn't been much mention of Earth Day anywhere this year, but this doesn't concern her.

"The original Earth Day was in the seventies," she explained. "It was revived in the nineties to celebrate its twentieth anniversary."

She went on to explain that Earth Day wasn't revived with the intention of celebrating it every year. It is more something that was meant to be really hyped every five years or so.

"I wish there were something happening this year," Mrs. Paton said apologetically, "but I'm not going to be the one to plan it."

History comes alive as students visit Washington

by Cassie Weyrich
HHSS Literary Society

Who needs textbooks?

On April 5, a group of American History students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School loaded a bus for a long, but exciting ride toward Washington D.C. The trip was arranged by history teacher, Paul Longo, who thought it would be a valuable resource to his American History students.

First was a stop at Gettysburg, where the students attended a seminar hosted by Abraham Lincoln expert, James Getty. After learning all about the famous American President, the students

learned about the Gettysburg battle through means of an electric map, and got a first-hand look at the Civil War battlefield.

After Gettysburg, the destination was Washington D.C. where the remaining days of the trip would be spent. Once in the nation's capital, the students visited the capital buildings, the Washington monument, the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials and the monument dedicated to Vietnam soldiers. The next day, after a long wait to be admitted, the students finally received a tour of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters, where they saw forensic labs, exhibits

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Exams are coming up!

Examinations are important tools to measure a student's progress. For second semester, the dates are June 15 to 23, 1995. A great deal of work goes into setting a timetable that is fair for all students. The examination period is considered part of the number of instructional school days in the semester. As such, students are expected to be present on the days that they have examinations. Parents are asked not to request early dismissal (ie. write an exam(s) at an earlier date) for such things as a head start on the holidays or to begin a summer job before the end of the student school year.

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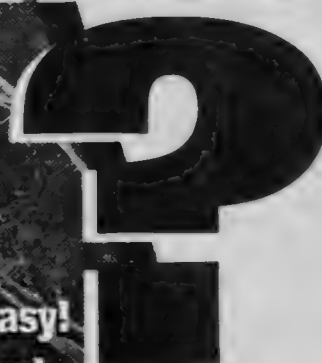
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Drawing on her talent

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Put a pen in Caitlin Pettit's hand, and she will use it.

"My notebooks are always doodled all over," the 15-year-old student smiles. "I'm not sure if my teachers always like it, but if I

have a pen in my hand I just can't stop."

From an early age, Caitlin has wanted to draw - not just for fun, but also as a career choice. But she knows if she's going to be successful, she's going to have to work hard. At HHSS, art is

offered only until Grade 11 and she's trying to find out about taking art through correspondence. Every summer, she also enrolls in courses at the School of Fine Arts in Haliburton (wishing she could earn credits for it at school!) and she



Caitlin Pettit

spends a lot of time practising. At home, she creates cards for family and friends, and fills many spare hours drawing.

Her strength is in creating fanciful "cartoon" characters, as readers can see in this first edition of HHSS News. She also creates wonderfully imaginative figurines, such as the inch-high dancing pig complete with tutu and heart-shaped glasses.

"To do anything well, you really have to work at it," says the Grade 10 student.

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THOSE WORDS

EDITORIAL by Tim Hughes

I understand that these journals encourage self-expression. Thus, I feel it necessary to draw attention to a problem I see developing in our school, even in our English class.

From a young age, most children are told not to swear, even by hypocritical parents who practise profanity themselves. Yet I have found, much to my dismay, that young and old adults, even in a highly educated circle, increasingly find profanity to be acceptable. Although profane language is a childish and immature expression of a feeling or idea, I find that even "mature" people fail to control it, or worse, willfully choose to use it.

Most would agree that a classroom is no place for profanity. Yet I have been in many classes where it has been tolerated without consequence. Even though some feel otherwise, I find this neither amusing nor a sign of "manliness". Some of our best educators, even in the "hallowed" halls of universities, cannot control their tongues. Some even use profanity emphatically, conveying a sense of "daring to say it" in front of their impressionable students. I find it difficult to maintain respect for people who know better, but simply choose to do it anyway.

The HHSS Student Handbook is very clear about expected behaviour, one rule being that, "Everyone must refrain from using profane language in the school at all times." Can it get any clearer? It also states that its "use by any school personnel shall be considered injurious to the moral tone of the school, and to the physical well-being of others in the school, as stated in the Education Act." Students who violate this rule can be suspended.

I do not know why some well educated people persist in using foul language, even with a sense of pride. I do know that I have a right to a wholesome learning environment, and I sincerely hope that abusive language in our school will be minimized, if not eliminated altogether.

Trip takes toll as students return tired but elated

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on terrorism and organized crime and a display of weapons. After that, they visited the Pentagon and the Arlington National Cemetery where President John F. Kennedy and members of his family are buried.

But the trip was not all learn and no play. That night, the group dined at Planet Hollywood Restaurant, where celebrity actors Melanie

Griffith and Don Johnson surprisingly appeared. Through the mob that formed around them, our gutsy Haliburton students managed to get autographs and pictures of the two stars.

The final day was full of more learning when the group toured the Museum of Air and Space, the Museum of American History, the Smithsonian Institute and the Holocaust Museum. For fun, they

attended a hockey game between the Washington Capitals and the Philadelphia Flyers, and went souvenir shopping. The students returned to Haliburton content and full of knowledge, but soon found that all the excitement had taken its toll. In American History class on Monday morning, the teacher understood why his students were falling asleep.

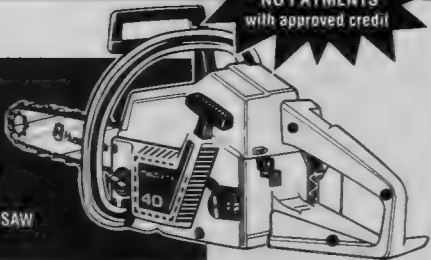
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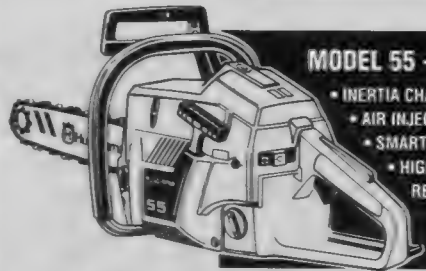
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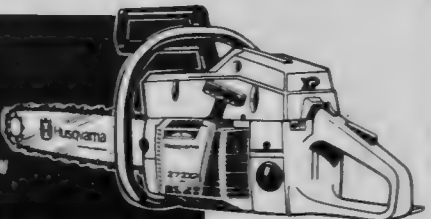
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I wonder what she's thinking...
But my heart truly knows
She's lost her job
And with it went her spirit and hope
I want to be able to help
I ask myself day, in day out
How can I make things better?
And I've only come up with one answer...
I can't
I'm only 17
I wish I had the answers...
But I don't
She's so young
Yet she's gone through so much
How does she do it?
She shows so much strength
But in times like these
How is it possible
For one to remain strong?
Now she starts to cry
I don't know what to say
It's such a secret place,
The land of tears
Times have changed
It's so obvious to the heart and soul
But like everything else
We'll get through it all
Because we're family
And we love each other
And no amount of money
Could ever take that away
We'll always be there for each other...
Just me and my mom
And I tell her that
Because that is the one thing
That I know for sure
Time soothes all sorrows
And we're gonna be just fine
Trust me.
I love you mom.
Samantha was one of the winners
in the Marion Drysdale OSSTF
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LITERARY SOCIETY
Last September, a small group of staff and students interested in creative writing formed at the high school. We meet every Wednesday after school, read our stuff to one another, and offer constructive criticism. Our ultimate goal is to publish a booklet of our shorter writings before the end of the school year. Core members of the group are Adam Dunn, Sarah Lewis, Cassie Weyrich, Jessica Berry and teacher, Bob Penfold.

A STRUGGLE
by Adam Dunn
HNSS Literary Society

Walking. Walking down the street on a cold late night. I can't help but think, even though I don't want to. I want to escape, to runaway, to fly. I want to laugh, and scream, and finally cry. The clock changes so slowly. As if it weren't moving at all. My mind is crumbling beneath me. I'm like a tree with too many branches. I feel like I'm gonna tip over.
Crazy man. I feel so crazy. I'm worrying about passing math, making my parents happy, moving out, finding love and other things. Things so important that they will affect me for the rest of my life. Yet I only walk. Walk down the road of life.
I reach an intersection and I stop. I sit down, hoping to catch my breath. I sit on the cliff. Rugged and rocky, unsure and unfamiliar, I look down. It occurs to me that if I jump, I just might fall. There is silence all around me. No one dares breathe. Just a bang and a clatter as my soul hits the ground.

SHOW ME YOU CARE
by Adam Dunn
HNSS Literary Society

Town council corrupt,
Bloody politicians.
The word association
has changed some definitions.
A murder on Main street.
High tide at noon.
You better prepare!
Armageddon will be here soon.
Scandalous pictures.
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Damage done to royal image.
More equals less.
Drug induced coma.
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INSPIRATION
by Bob Penfold

So you want to write. Then your imagination must become a person - in some sense a projection of yourself, but also much more. This person must stalk the underbrush of experience, invisible, all-sensing. Your person/imagination must observe far beyond your own capacity or courage; landscape from the eagle's perspective, sound-receptiveness with the listening of the cricket, seeing solar-glow until eyeballs melt and run down melting facial flesh, yet seeing still.
This spirit/you will whimper with the silly, laugh uproariously at temporal tragedy. It will travel the arteries of micro-surgery, slipping in the sludge of macrophage and booting genes about like so many footballs. Experience will sense your presence, discontinue its doings, glance up suddenly to stare directly into your eyes. But you will not be there. You will be everywhere.
Space/time conveyors will whisk this experience-recording you everywhen on the nonce. Only what-is in all its majestic and logic-defying possibility is of any interest or benefit.
Judgment - not yet, if ever. Express your own reality. Leave criticism to others.

MEMORIES
by Michelle Barbour

Looking back at life itself,
Noticing photo albums from on a shelf.
The older man reached out and picked one up.
While sipping hot tea from his cup.
Flipping through pages one by one,
Staring at a picture of his first newborn son.
Memories ran on how he grew,
His first word and puppy named Blue.
Thinking back at the first fish he had caught,
And realized how he loved him a lot.
Time goes by, so very fast,
Remembering him at ten in a cast.
Now at 35 and grown,
He has a family of his own.
Wiping tears from his eyes,
He let out a joyful sigh.
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Couple fuming over Dovers Spring dumping

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Joan and Jack Trott thought they would go to Dover Springs to fill up on fresh water last Monday because it was such a nice day.

The sun was out. The sky was clear. The air was crisp.

But the pleasure of their simple task was muddled when the Haliburton couple arrived at the spring to find the area littered with old pop cans, beer bottles, baby food jars and an assortment of other pieces of garbage.

"I was a very annoyed lady," explained Mrs. Trott. "We drove into Dover Spring and what comes into view but a whole garbage dump. At a site where you're expecting to get something fresh and clean and natural, you have to go through all of this garbage."

The fact that it was the beginning of Earth Week, a time when people are supposed to make a conscious effort to protect and preserve the environment, made the situation even

more maddening.

But rather than simply fuming about the mess, the Trotts decided to take matters into their own hands.

They took a couple garbage bags from their car and walked around the site, picking up whatever refuse they could see. They even found an old paint roller, a stack of roofing shingles and a small bag garbage someone had just left near the spring.

After about 20 minutes of cleaning they had two full bags of junk — one for wet garbage and one for dry.

"We went to the dump this morning and we had a whole trunk full of OOK," said Mrs. Trott. "All of this stuff is pretty grungy. My husband wasn't too pleased to be putting it in his car."

Others will be able to follow the Trotts' example and pitch in to help clean up the local environment this weekend. Haliburton IGA is organizing a Hometown Spring Clean-up on Saturday.



LEADER OF THE PACK: Glamorgan teacher Jim Hopkins leads a group of trash-seeking public school students last Thursday during the school's 'pitch-in' day. They later joined students at the Wilberforce public school, who also did their own town clean-up.

Glamorgan and Wilberforce kids carry out county spring cleaning

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

Wilberforce and Gooderham Public School students carried out a major spring cleaning in the east end of Haliburton County Thursday.

As part of Earth Day festivities, 50 Gooderham Gr. 1 to 6 students put away their books for the morning and picked up their litter pokers.

By the end of the morning, the township's park was trash-free, said Principal Ruth Lewis.

"They cleaned the whole park up, and it's pretty darn big."

Students then were bussed over to the Wilberforce IGA, which held a barbeque for both school's students and sponsored their own school's "pitch-in" event.

Wilberforce's 90 elementary level students then broke off into small groups and were bussed to locations throughout the community covering a refuse range from Tory Hill, Harcourt and Essonville Road to Wilberforce. Adults, parents and seniors helped supervise the project, and got their hands a little dirty too.

The idea behind the event is to recognize Earth Day and at the same time instill a sense of community responsibility in students, said Wilberforce Principal Ted Glendinning.

"The main part is to encourage people to take responsibility for a green earth."

"And not just the kids but all people from 6 to 60 years of age are working together to make sure the county is clean," he said after sending the trash teams off to various designations around the village.

Along with the environmental lesson the students pick up, literally, along the way, is the sense of leadership the older students develop through acting as team leaders, said Glendinning.

"The kids really look forward to it and it fosters kids working with each other."

At last year's event, a 12 foot wide, 16 foot long trailer was filled 10 feet high with garbage the students collected, IGA owner and organizer Bob Park said.

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WIN THESE BIKES: Haliburton Police Support Association members Dave Muenzel, John Miller, Mark McMaster, Chris Horton and Rod Consak are selling raffle tickets for these two mountain bikes.

Police support association finds home

by **PETER DOWNS**
Staff Reporter

After years of shuttling from one temporary location to another, the Haliburton Police Support Association's days on the move are over.

The association took up permanent residence in Haliburton's former ambulance hall about three weeks ago.

"We're absolutely thrilled," said chairman John Miller.

The municipality of Dysart et al has allowed the group to move into the building free of charge, ending its quest for permanent headquarters.

Since its inception about four years ago, volunteer members of the association have held their twice monthly meetings at sev-

eral temporary sites, including J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, the Full Gospel Lighthouse and the Haliburton Christian Outreach Centre.

About 20 volunteers belong to the association, which helps police maintain Haliburton's safety and security.

Miller said the association is looking for more volunteers, particularly senior citizens who may have more free time to devote to the group's cause.

Among a variety of tasks, members of the association conduct random foot patrols in the village and the Industrial Park checking that doors to businesses are locked. They also help police direct traffic at parades and during other situations.

"Basically we do a lot of the

simpler things police normally do which allows the police to get on with more important duties," said Miller.

The group meets on the first and third Thursday of the month with an officer from the Minden OPP to discuss upcoming initiatives and past efforts.

Every year the association runs a Child Find campaign, taking finger prints and pictures of children so that they can be more easily identified in the event that they should ever go missing.

The association also offers an annual bicycling safety course.

Right now members of the group are holding a fund-raiser by selling tickets to a draw for two mountain bikes. Tickets for the draw are \$2.

Coby Islanders action continues at resort, much to PineStone's chagrin

Players competing in the Coby Islanders hockey tournament last weekend escaped unsportsmanlike conduct penalties after a group of younger players got out of hand at PineStone Resort.

Minden OPP were called just after midnight last Saturday when players from several teams staying at the resort and other visitors lost control and began destroying property.

Damage caused by the unruly players included alcohol spilt on room and hallway floors and walls, the door to the ladies' pool washroom was kicked in, and the swimming pool area was littered with beer bottles, said police, who removed dozens of the players not registered at the resort. Fire extinguishers were also sprayed around the property and "there was food all over the place," police said.

Many of the 300 or so players at the resort were drunk, police said, and most of the trouble makers were younger adults from the tournament.

"Animals and adults begin with the same letter," said an angry PineStone head of security, Jim Elstone, who was reluctant to give estimates of the damage done.

A complaint was filed with police but no charges were laid.

Elstone said the resort will pursue damage compensation and restitution, but added he didn't expect court action would be necessary.

"Hopefully cooler heads will prevail and the damages will be recovered."

Police on pay duty were also needed to remove out of hand players at the Minden Arena following game action.

Businesses targeted

Nine Minden businesses were hit by thieves last weekend, police report.

Police believe the same person(s) is responsible for each break-in.

Early Wednesday morning, Leitha's Sweets and Treats store also in Minden was broken into. The shop houses the Ministry of Transportation licensing bureau, which had photo ID camera equipment, validation stickers and other MTO documents ripped off.

Thieves used a stolen car for their getaway, found abandoned in Cobocok, said police.

In total there were 21 break and enters between Sunday and Wednesday.

Trespassing

Apsley OPP say that they've had several reports of youths trespassing and trouble-making overnight in Cardiff township.

There have been reports of minor thefts and on one occasion youths were responsible for setting a small grass fire behind the public school.

Police are asking anyone who notices trouble to contact them.

Cardiff students get caught being good

"You've got to accentuate the positive,

Eliminate the negative,
Latch on to the affirmative,
Don't mess with Mr. In Between."

by **MARTHA PERKINS**
Editor

The song might be old, but its wisdom is timeless. Or at least that's what the teachers at Cardiff Public School believe.

Students are being praised when they do something good as a way of promoting the Ministry of Education's Safe Schools Month.

"We're focusing on the positive," says teacher Gary Simmons. Paul Way, another teacher at the school, says "rather than punishing, we're thinking in terms of rewarding students. We're catching them doing good things rather than yelling at them for doing bad things."

Whenever they do something nice, the students receive a coupon which says "Gotcha!"

"We Gotcha in the act of staying cool and solving problems peacefully. We're glad we did... do it again," says one coupon.

"We Gotcha in the act of being

positive and we're glad we did... Keep it up," says another.

Each week, the Gotcha coupons are put in a box and there are draws for prizes. At the end of the month, classes in which every student received a Gotcha will get a pizza.

Grade 7 student Adam Passeretti says he liked the idea because "the school will be all nice." He got a Gotcha for helping a younger student with his shoes.

Classmate Catherine Anderson got one for helping her French teacher mark Grade 4 tests and another for co-operating in music class.

Julie Evans got one for picking up garbage and another for "taking off my shoes when I was supposed to instead of arguing with the teacher."

If students only get attention when they're misbehaving, they can tend to think that's the only way they can get attention, says Principal Rosie Kenney. The teachers want them to know that good deeds are noticed, too.

"What we've found is that so much attention is paid to those students who are misbehaving. Meanwhile, there are all those students who are doing what they're supposed to do. This is

their opportunity for being acknowledged," she says. "You really want to focus on the good things that are happening and that it's alright to be the 'brown-er.'"

Teachers are also trying to be good role models. Instead of telling a child not to run in the halls, they say "please walk,

don't run." It gives them a positive alternative.

The program has had positive results. "A lot of kids go out of their way to get a Gotcha but others are just more conscious of what's appropriate behaviour," she adds. As a result, fewer detentions are being handed out and there are fewer scuffles in

the school yard. Because everyone wants to get a pizza, students are also working as a team to make sure everyone receives a Gotcha. It's become a real challenge to the students to make sure that everyone is nice, and it's hoped that at the end of April, the good intentions will last longer than the pizza.



GOTCHA! Cardiff students are being rewarded for good behaviour during Safe Schools Month. Every time they do something nice, they're given a Gotcha! coupon. The coupons are put in a box for weekly draws. Here, teacher Paul Way gives Grade 1 student Jonathan Belbin one of the prizes.

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Doreen Hawman retires from centre

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

After almost 10 years of helping people solve their problems, Doreen Hawman has retired from her position as executive director of the Haliburton County Information Centre.

However, the Harcourt resident won't be too far away from the job she has enjoyed and the people she loves to help.

She plans to stay on with the centre as a volunteer, passing on information to those who need assistance in any number of areas.

"There's always so much to



Tila Billings is the Infor Centre's new executive director.

do," Mrs. Hawman said at a party held in her honour on Friday. "There are so many people who need help."

Staff and volunteers at the centre give information to people of all ages on a wide range of topics, ranging from pension advice, to how to get in contact with other government agencies and where to find an apartment in the village.

As well, the centre schedules the Dymo bus which picks up senior citizens and handicapped individuals.

Among her other duties, most recently Mrs. Hawman has been helping people prepare their income tax returns.

The centre has been offering the service free of charge and has prepared returns for almost 550 people this year.

Mrs. Hawman began her involvement with the fledgling information centre in 1986. She was its co-ordinator for several years and became executive director about three years ago.

"She has really worked hard for the centre," said Maurice Winterflood, chairman of the centre's board. "She has made so many friends here and has been a confidante for so many people with problems."

Tila Billings, who has moved into the executive director's position, credited Mrs. Hawman with bringing the centre into the age of computerization.



IN APPRECIATION: In thanks for her years of dedication to the Information Centre, Doreen Hawman, centre, was given plaques by MPP Chris Hodgson and MP John O'Reilly at a retirement tea.

"She brought the centre from a flip-card system (of storing its information) to a fully automated one. And that's a long way," she said.

The centre is now connected to Online Ontario and has access to a network of about 60 information centres across the province.

Mrs. Hawman, who just returned from a six-week trip to New Zealand with her husband, said she will be happy volunteering her time at the centre.

"I enjoy working with people of all ages," she said. "I really enjoy working with seniors. It's

very rewarding."

She also said she hopes to see the centre open a branch office one day per week in Monmouth.

Mrs. Billings has been with the centre for about a year and a half, first as a placement student, then as a volunteer and most recently as its senior administrative assistant.

"The challenges never end," she said of her new position. "The centre provides such a variety of services."



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Bark Lake closure puts strategic plan on hold

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports on items discussed at Tuesday evening's Glamorgan council meeting.

Bark Lake impact

The Bark Lake Leadership Centre closure could have a devastating impact on Glamorgan businesses and employers, says Reeve Elva Bates.

"One of my three gravest concerns are for the jobs that will be lost, the dollars that come into local businesses — and that's substantial — and the payment in

lieu of taxes and the effect that may have on this year's budget."

Council has put the creation of a strategic plan on hold until the future of the centre is determined. "I don't even want to think about the strategic plan until I can digest this. I can't get that started until I get this whole thing out of my head"

The strategic plan "should be shelved until we see what happens because this could have a major impact on us."

Six Glamorgan employees could be out of work, unless they can be retained by the new operators of the facility.

If the facility does indeed go into the hands of the private sector, "it may well be a blessing in disguise," said Councillor Chuck Viner. "But you have to wonder that if one branch of the government can't make it work than how can another."

Tam dam

The Ministry of Natural Resources won't allow work to be carried out on the deteriorating Tamarack Lake dam until specific plans are submitted and a work permit granted.

The unauthorized dam was built two decades ago by a property owner's late father — without MNR approval.

With the dam now in disrepair, the issue has been complicated by the revelation that the municipality owns the property which it sits on (the

66 foot road allowance).

MNR Land Specialist Dennis Simmons and Conservation Officer Bob Gater were present at the meeting to make clear the Ministry's position.

"We'd like to see some plans approved and it be built to specifics," said Simmons offering the expert advice of the MNR's engineer.

The MNR has authority under provincial law to ensure that all dams are stable.

Ron Winder, who owns the property which accesses the dam, questioned the MNR's claim it was built without approval. "How do you know there wasn't verbal approval given?"

While the MNR has been aware of the dam for 18 years, it is only now involved because of complaints by other residents.

Winder says he has submitted a plan to repair the dam but "they were only sketches," said Simmons.

"What we need are plans to show collars and the size of them and type. We need notification of who is carrying out the work and then we'll provide the work permit."

Simmons said it has also been recommended that a larger culvert be installed.

Council has to make up its mind if it wants to take over responsibility for the dam itself, or leave it in the hands of Winder, who has proposed to repair it himself.

Tamarack Lake is a small, shallow private lake. As far as setting the controlled water level, the MNR says it wants no part of the decision. "That's something that has to be agreed to by the majority of cottage owners," said Gater. "We don't want to be the referees."

Some residents are concerned that having a higher water level may damage the shoreline and trees.

A May 27 meeting with the lake's residents will attempt to reach a consensus on the water level issue.

Overpopulation

At least two Salerno Lake lot creation applications may be rejected on the basis that the lake is overpopulated.

An informal study carried out recently concluded that the lake is overused, but council wants to take a closer look at the study before it makes a final decision.

Applications to create new lots on separate properties owned by Birch Narrows Wood Products and Lois Baker have been deferred. By putting off the applications, two other severance applications to give road access to Birch Narrows have also been placed in jeopardy.

Birch Narrows had been carrying out logging operations on property it owns, but was using the road access without official permission, council said.

There was substantial damage to the road and council passed a resolution deferring Birch Narrows severance application until the Devil's Gap Road Association was assured in writing the road would be repaired.

Property owners Karen Eager and Erwin and Katie Rothmeier own the road access and have applications to give access to Birch Narrows.

The road is accessed from Old Ironton Road. Council, however, rescinded that resolution later in the discussion when it decided it may consider rejecting the two lot creation applications. The first resolution was overturned because it might give the "appearance" that the Birch application would be approved once the road matter was cleared up.

Meanwhile the road is in such bad condition, says Councillor Tom Vos, that cottagers only have water access to their properties.

Even if council rejects the two lot creation requests, the county Land Division Committee can still approve them.

"We're getting lots of flak about creating two new lots from the lake association and everybody feels it's already overcrowded," said Vos.

Viner said that if the criteria is met for the application, "then who has the right to say no?"

"Are we willing to create three more lots on the lake which could mean possibly four more buildings," Reeve Bates asked council. "If the lake is overpopulated then we have to make sure we take steps to protect it."

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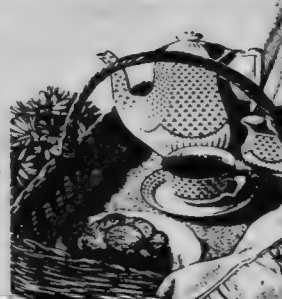
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County deluged with planning applications before BILL 163 deadline

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

Property owners wanting to escape the restrictions of the new municipal planning process swamped the county's Land Division Committee last month with a last-minute rush of development applications.

With the March 28 proclamation date for Bill 163 — the new provincial Planning Act — now past, committee members will have some long meetings in store for them this summer.

There were 28 applications submitted in the week before the deadline, bringing this year's total up to 77. In comparison, it wasn't until the second week of June last year that the number of applications reached 70, says Lois Warburton, committee secretary.

Any applications submitted before the March 28 deadline will be processed under the old system.

"There was a real influx prior to Bill 163 coming into effect. Everyone knew it was coming and people wanted to beat the magic date," says Warburton, who has been faced with processing the flood of applications.

Most of the applications submitted before the deadline were typical lot creation and severances, she says.

Out of the 28 which came in just before the deadline, 20 were from Dysart et al, a handful from Glamorgan and Stanhope and two from Anson, Hindon and Minden.

In Glamorgan township Tuesday night, council sifted through the first handful of applications to be processed, "and there are more to come," Clerk Treasurer Mike Rutter says.

"It's no coincidence that all of these are coming in at the same time," says Glamorgan Building Officer Dan Sayers. "They all wanted to beat the new planning act deadline so that's why there is such an influx."

Under Bill 163, the municipal planning process has been radically reformed. New restrictions are now in place restricting development. Waterfront and other environmentally sensitive areas are off limits in many circumstances.

But, while the new regulations have been proclaimed, municipalities still haven't been told how

they are to enforce the new policy guidelines, confusing the transition.

One thing that is clear, Warburton says, is that "it has slowed the process down. Now we have time limits on everything and there is so much paperwork to ensure everything is in place and we're following the rules."

TVO will remain off the air for many of county's television viewers

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County residents who cannot pick up TVOntario on their televisions will have to continue to do without the channel.

The province has said it will not set up a TVO transmitter in the area because of the "critical financial considerations" involved.

But the woman heading a local campaign to have access to TVO made available to all Haliburton residents says the government's response is not good enough.

"They're all singing the same tune, 'Oh, sorry we don't have any money

right now. Booh hooh,'" says Susan Wilson. "I'm sorry but that doesn't cut it. Economic reasons are the reasons we need TVO here."

She says a recent study has shown that children who receive some form of early educational training before they go to school go on to do better at school, stay longer in school and receive better, higher paying jobs.

Wilson and more than 60 others have written letters to the province requesting that a TVO transmitter be located in Haliburton so that all residents can benefit from its educational programming.

Culture, Tourism and Recreation

Minister Anne Swarbrick says the expense of setting up and maintaining a transmitter in Haliburton are too great at a time when the government is trying to make an investment in the province's economic recovery.

"Not only are we dealing with a significant initial capital expenditure for a transmitter, but we must consider the ongoing costs of a transmitter over the years, and the eventual replacement of the transmitter itself," she writes.

Should the economy improve, she says, the Ministry would again look at the issue of providing TVO signals to all areas of the province.

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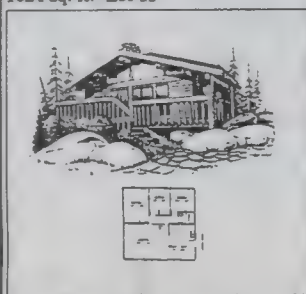


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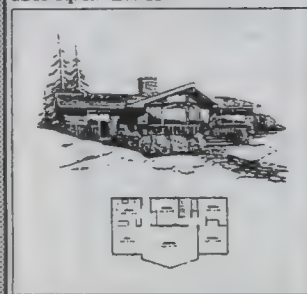
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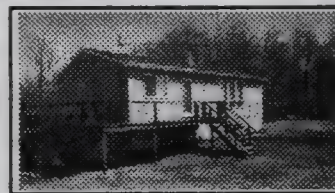


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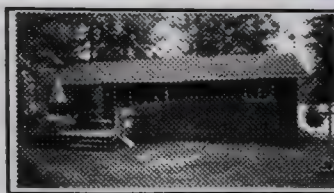
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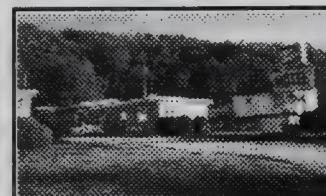
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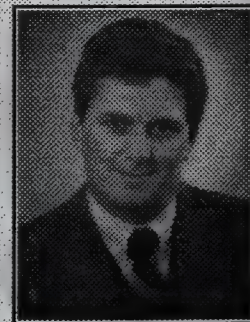
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This is the fourth article in a series about women's shelters. While the other stories have been critical of some of the practices of shelters, this story points out why shelters were created.

LISA KNOWS WHAT it's like not to be believed. Here she was, telling a judge that she had been physically and emotionally terrorized by her husband. But her husband was a successful professional, rich, well-respected, with a high profile job. His job was saving people's lives so how could he be accused of threatening to kill his wife?

Later, when Lisa (not her real name) left the marriage, she was unable to get any financial compensation to help her care for their two children. Her husband had declared personal bankruptcy. He still lives in an affluent neighbourhood, however, because now everything is in his second wife's name. Meanwhile, Lisa has had to struggle for every dollar.

"I lived in absolute, abject horror," Lisa says of her last year of marriage. She can remember hiding in her bedroom, with furniture barricading the door, as her husband tried to break in with a hack saw and hammer. "He said I deserved to be killed."

Lisa has medical documentation of her injuries. "The police believed me. My neighbours believed me. When a woman's face is bruised and scraped it's obvious there has been violence."

Yet her experience has told her that "in our society, as soon as you allege abuse, the man becomes the victim. The legal system swings into place to protect the man..."

"The judge looks to see who is the most credible. If you appear angry, you tend not to be believed and it's incredibly difficult not to be angry when you're in the presence of someone who's hurt you. The woman who's been abused is once again in a compromised position."

"And the wealthier you are, the more weapons there are to attack your spouse."

In Lisa's marriage, the violence stemmed from her husband's need to control her. Before they had children, she had had a successful career. When she decided to stay at home when the children were young, she became financially dependent on her husband. Soon she also became emotionally dependent. He continually told her she was ugly and stupid and she started to believe him.

At first she felt it was her responsibility to make the marriage work, but finally, after one life-threatening incident, she realized she'd die if she stayed.

She took the children to a woman's shelter, but she didn't stay long. There were bars on the windows and cement floors. The entire atmosphere was sterile. "Even in my state of fear I couldn't take

Seeking SHELTER

When Lisa was being terrorized by her husband, the Women's Emergency House would have been a welcome refuge.

by Martha Perkins



my children to where there was so much misery."

That's why she was such an ardent supporter of the initial Women's Emergency House planned for Haliburton village. It was in a residential neighbourhood and would be in a real house, where the children could at least retain some level of normalcy. She was very disappointed when that plan fell through. Although she still strongly supports the new plan — she says the assistance she's received from SIRCH, which is spearheading the project, has been vital — she wishes it wasn't at the back of Hillside House. She's worried it will seem too much like a shelter and not enough like a home.

If she had been able to go to a place like the original SIRCH house, "I would have been able to sit back and make reasonable decisions. (As it was) I was an incompetent wreck. I couldn't sleep, I scarcely ate. It was terrible for the kids."

When Lisa was interviewed for this series in early March, five years had passed since she fled her marriage. Although she is still involved in legal proceedings over several custody issues, she is more detached, more able to think calmly as she fights for what's best for her children.

"When children are involved, then the system becomes confused and nasty. In

an abusive situation, you can't sit down and negotiate a reasonable arrangement. There's no good will, there's no trust."

"The whole trauma for the kids is phenomenal."

Lisa feels her husband did not want custody because he loved the children. To hurt Lisa, he had to do it through the children, and in the process, he was cruel and unthinking to the children. When he had them for weekends, he'd tell his daughter she had been invited to a friend's birthday party, which was true. She'd get all dressed up and sit there waiting, her gift in her lap. Her father would then refuse to take her to the party. In another situation, when the police arrived to carry out a surprise custody order, the children were severely traumatized and still require counselling.

"To do cruel and manipulative things like that destroys the parent who really cares," Lisa says. "The only weapon that really hurts is through my children. If you hurt my body, I will heal. But if I have to listen to my child cry because she doesn't want to go to her father's, to watch that trauma... There's nothing out there that matters except my children. I will move mountains for my kids."

No matter what she felt about her husband, however, as a mother she felt she had the duty to make sure they could see

their father if they wanted. "Children have a right to have both parents," she says, adding she's never spoken against her husband with her children because they were entitled to have their own feelings towards him. But it soon became clear that her children didn't want anything to do with their father. It tore at Lisa's heart when the children would become distraught and upset before a custody visit with their father. They simply didn't want to go, but the court order said she had to take them.

"The adversarial nature of the courts encourages the worst situations to escalate," she observes.

"I started out with high-priced lawyers who seemed only interested in getting their fee. I finally found a lawyer who was willing to work on Legal Aid fees because of a sense of outrage based on the injustice of what he was seeing. He worked incredibly hard for a pittance. There has to be some nobility there. There should be some morality in their training."

It didn't help that the drop-off place was usually the parking lot of a police station. In a situation that was stressful enough, she had to meet the man who wanted to kill her. "You don't ask a rape victim to stand face to face every week with the man who raped her."

Ideally, she'd like every community to have a warm, friendly exchange place, preferably a home. The mother could drop the children off knowing her children were safe and comfortable, and she wouldn't have to confront her former abuser. "A lot of the emotional trauma would be removed."

To avoid the adults' tug of war, Lisa believes the children need a neutral advocate in the courts. "Give them a voice that carries weight. If the child is saying 'I don't want to see my daddy,' then don't force the child into his car."

But above all, she says, the advocate must be neutral. There are already too many other emotions involved.

Lisa is not directly involved with SIRCH, although its assistance in her custody battle has been invaluable. Nor does she know the people who in the past three articles have expressed deep concerns about women's shelters and the way they can be abused.

She doesn't see the issue in terms of men versus women, although she says men's physical strength often tilts the balance in their favour. "There are men who lie and there are women who lie. When your passions are deep, no one's objective."

"Not everyone is abused to the extent they need to go into a shelter" but shelters are needed for women who have been severely physically abused. When there's no home sweet home to go to, a shelter is a very welcome alternative to women such as Lisa.



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Signs help drivers follow the Loop

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Travellers need never lose their way on The Loop again.

Thanks to the efforts of The Loop Business Association, information kiosks are being built in Highland Grove, Gooderham, Tory Hill, Harcourt and Wilberforce.

Each kiosk will have a map of the area, produced by Jude's Signs in Apsley. As well, there will be information on upcoming events and municipal services. For a one-time painting fee, local businesses can also advertise their services on the board. However, businesses must pay the annual \$50 association membership fee to be able to use the service.

"We want people to travel The

Loop and when they do, show them where they are," says Harry Dale of Wilberforce, where the first kiosk was completed last week. (The work was done by Malcolm Hughes, Wayne Quibell and Bill Wingrove.)

In the past few years, the association has been in hibernation, and Dale and other business owners want to resurrect it.

The Loop is the string of villages tied together by Hwy 648, and also includes Gooderham. In the past, the association sponsored a winter carnival, but it too has faded. Dale says the group wants to bring back many of the special events and regenerate interest in the area. There is an association meeting on April 25 at 7 p.m. in the Monmouth council chambers.



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Help is now available for travellers on Hwy 648. The Loop Business Association is building information kiosks in Highland Grove, Harcourt, Wilberforce, Tory Hill and Gooderham. Here, Harry Dale and Malcolm Hughes stand beside the first kiosk, which was built at the corner of Hwy. 648 and the Essonville Line.

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House gives new freedoms to roommates

Sharing the load of responsibilities helps maintain a self-sufficient lifestyle

By PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The three men have lived together in the tidy white bungalow they rent in Haliburton Village for the past eight years.

It's easier to pay all of their bills that way.

Plus being roommates allows them to take advantage of each other's special skills and strengths.

Sometimes one of the men will do the cooking. The other will cut the grass. And the third takes out the garbage.

Sounds like just about any household where the roommates combine efforts and co-operate to get along.

And it is. Only in this house, on the corner of Highway 118 just before it winds out of town, the occupants are all developmentally challenged.

Doug Johnson, David Irwin and Gerald McKnight all came to Haliburton from institutional settings and have found new freedom in their self-sufficient lifestyles.

"This is my home," says 34-year-old Irwin, who was born in



THREE'S COMPANY: Roommates David Irwin, Doug Johnson and Gerald McKnight are free to do what they want when they want in their Haliburton home. The three men have found freedom in their self-sufficient lifestyles that they didn't have living in institutions.

Haliburton. "I like being near my family."

Irwin and Johnson, 47, both previously lived in a group home in Orillia called the Huronia Regional Centre. McKnight, 41, lived in an institution in Cobourg, where he was born.

The three men were brought together here by the Haliburton County Association

for Community Living.

"The effort now is to have people move back into the community and take on responsibilities," says Cheryl Curry, executive director of the association.

Irwin, Johnson and McKnight have to pay all of the same household expenses as most others, including rent, utilities, cable and phone service.

Of course to make all of their payments, they each have to hold down jobs and earn a living.

Johnson does outside maintenance

on the Association for Community Living's work crew, which contracts out workers to various clients for a number of duties, including grass mowing and street cleaning. He also works at The Echo almost every Tuesday helping to get the papers ready for delivery.

McKnight works on a garbage truck collecting refuse from residents who are willing to pay for the service.

Johnson and McKnight also receive a Family Benefits Allowance.

Irwin has worked at Dave's on 35 in Minden for the past four years and relies on unemployment insurance through the winter because of the seasonal nature of his job.

All of the roommates love their jobs and the independence being part of the workforce has allowed them.

When they lived in institutions they were not allowed to work. They had to follow strict rules governing what they could do and when. They couldn't cook for themselves. They couldn't go outside and cut their own grass or shovel their own driveway. They couldn't live according to their own schedules.

Now all of that has changed. McKnight, Johnson and Irwin picked and paid for all of the furniture that decorates their house. They prepare all of their own meals and can eat what they want whenever they want. They do all of their own housecleaning. They have to remember to feed their cat, Popsicle, and change its litter.

The association is always nearby if any of the men, or any of the other people it has helped move back into the community, needs assistance in a specific area, says Curry.

"Everyone is allowed to make their own choices," she explains. "If they ask for some assistance, we'll give it to them."

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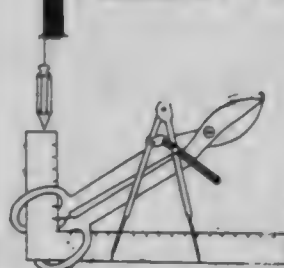
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Clean-up challenge set for this weekend

GOODERHAM

News

Anne Costeloe
447-2400

This weekend promises to be a busy one. The Community Clean Up challenge begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday with teams of local youth and council members competing to pick up the largest amount of trash. The winning team will be presented with a trophy. This will be followed with a barbecue lunch, at the community centre.

On Saturday afternoon, council will hold an open forum meeting with local residents. This is an opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions and discuss priorities. The meeting will be held at the community centre at 2 p.m.

At 6 p.m. the seniors are organizing a pot luck and games night. Admission is \$1 for adults, children free. Bring your best dish and your own (board) game!

The Easter weekend Coby Islander Hockey Tournament drew three teams from Coboconk including the BlueLight "A" division winners – the Rats Raiders. Our Gooderham Imperials entered the tournament as the reigning champions. They began well, winning their first games 6 to 2, 7 to 2. Then they lost their edge, losing 5 to 4 to the Rats Raiders, and 3 to 2 to Miscio Construction. Imperial players are Curtis Brown, Andy Billings, Geof Jenkins, Colin, Jamie, Jeff and Tim Hunter, Reggie and Ronnie MacDuff, Dave McKay, Craig Pettit, Mike Midell, Jason (G) and Shawn Stoughton.

Daryl Winder, of Gooderham, who is presently studying at Trent University, brought "The Knights", his intramural hockey team up for the weekend. They won their first three games, but were eliminated in the semi-final by the Raiders. Daryl says they all had fun, "even though there were sixteen guys sleeping – on the floor and everywhere – in one cottage!"

Terry Stoughton organized the Rats Raiders, a team of players from all around the county and a few from as far away as Napanee (Jason Billings) and Toronto (Glen Warren – who was named M.V.P. in the final.) Other players are Jeff Anderson, Scott Clements, Steve Coumbs, Dean Curry, Chris Harvey, John Houston, Jeff Miscio, Colin Morrison, Tony Scheffee, Kevin Sicard, Curtis Reynolds. The Gooderham Imperials, with Terry back in goal, will be going to Montreal next weekend for another hockey tournament.

Next week (May 1 to 5) is Education Week at Gooderham Elementary School. On Tuesday there will be Family Reading Night, with activities for students and parents – and free books! Wednesday and Thursday are "Open Evenings" when students can bring their parents and teach them how to use the computers! On Thursday the staff and students are welcoming family and friends to visit and see what actually goes on at school during the day.

Gooderham Elementary School "Student of the Week" is Linsey Trotter. Linsey is being recognized for the skill she exhibited in researching a project on Mars. Well done, Linsey!

Hospital Auxillary raises thousands of dollars

by Marion Vanschaik

The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary's 26 active members have put in 1,950 hours of volunteer work, and five or six ladies also help with morning office duties amounting to 852 hours more.

Other fund-raising projects for the year were: 2 raffles, \$2,520.00; bake

sale, \$368.75; flea market, \$96.80; collecting pennies, \$70.50; used book sales, \$56.50; showcase (gift shop), \$1,000.00; I.G.A. hot dogs and sausage, \$326.00, compliments of Maple Leaf.

Other donations came from the community: A bequest, \$10,000; memorials, \$8,918; Haliburton Wild Life, \$4,000 - poker

run; Seniors bonspiel, \$1,630; Kennis Lake Assoc., \$1,000; I.B.M., \$207; miscellaneous donations, \$2,673. The whole community saved I.G.A. grocery tapes on our behalf and we accumulated enough to receive a \$2,500 cheque from Chuck and Janet O'Neil. Also at the I.G.A. we have had "break open" tickets

for sale since June 1994. This has produced a profit of \$2,800. In April 1994, we our balance of \$54,000 to \$91,000.

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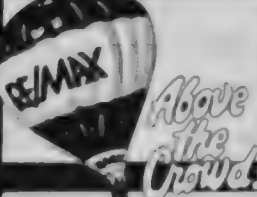
Dignitaries help Lions celebrate 5th Charter

The Kinmount and District Lions Club held its 5th Charter Night recently.

It was well attended, with almost 80 present. Attending dignitaries (pictured at left) include MP and Mrs. John O'Reilly, MPP Chris Hodgson, Reeve and Mrs. John Huke of Somerville Township, PCC and Mrs. Dale St. John, guest speaker, DG Vic Warren, RC Ev Saxby, ZC and Mrs. Ray Howlett, President Don Haines, and

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President Don Haines, Sabine Henderson, Guy Scott and Alan Thompson. Our thanks to Alan Thompson for providing the photo.



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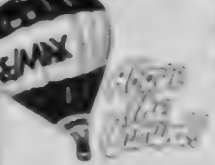
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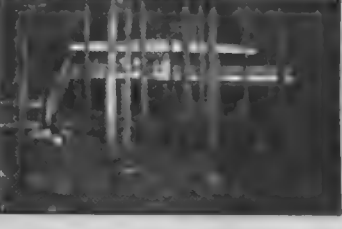
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1. The reconstruction and realignment of a portion of County Road Number 12, locally known as the Livingstone Lake Road, in Lots 10 to 18, Concessions 3 to 6, Township of McClintock.
2. The reconstruction and realignment of the intersection of County Road Number 7, locally known as Kennisis Lake Road, and North Pine Lake Road, in Lot 7, Concession 4 Township of Guilford.
3. The reconstruction and realignment of a portion of County Road Number 19, locally known as Harburn Road, in Lots 2 to 4, Concession 11, Township of Dudley.
4. The rehabilitation of the Horseshoe Lake Bridge on County Road Number 20, in Lot 10, Concession 8, Township of Minden.
5. The reconstruction of a portion of County Road Number 1 in Lots 13 and 14, Concessions 7 and 8, Township Dysart.
6. Granular base and resurface: County Road Number 15, Lot 35, Concession 17 Township of Monmouth, to Lot 34, Concession 2, Township of Dudley, (Hwy 648 to 2.2km north).
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January, February and March winners in the

Lions Club Lotto are: Bob Mitchell, Willie Hatton, Ellen Wiley, Dorset Lions Club and Wayne Black. Congratulations to all.

There is a Canada Goose, Mother Goose, a silly old goose and then, I hear, there is a Blue Goose that resides in Dorset.

The rumour is that the latter celebrated a birthday on April 11 so we send belated birthday wishes.

We have to expect and get used to change in our

society. We have to accept it but not necessarily like it.

Many people listen to our local radio station in Huntsville, especially in the morning to hear the world and local news and get an idea of what could be expected weatherwise.

Of course, there was entertaining chitchat by Brian Thompson and Joe Duchesne. They made a great pair as comedian and straight man. Then, Brian

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We wish them both the best in their future endeavours and hope they direct their many talents to the airways, either radio or TV as it would be too bad to have them wasted.

The Dorset Senior Club will hold its annual Flea Market and Bake Sale on

Saturday, July 1. Still some time away but vendors can begin collecting fleas for the occasion.

A group from the seniors were guests of the Baysville Autumn Leaves where they played bid euchre, assisting those who were not familiar with the game.

Welcome home to Gwen and Ralph Raven, who spent the winter in Florida. They arrived home to be greeted by the brief return

to winter weather. However, in a week's time spring-like weather had returned.

The cold spell slowed up the deterioration of the lake ice and there are plenty of bets as to when it will disappear altogether. What's left of it looks very unstable.

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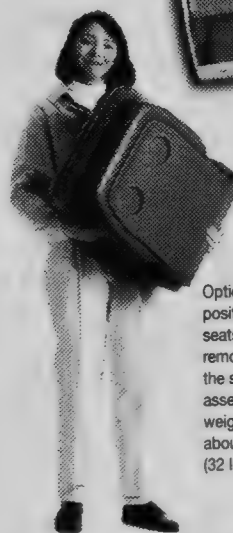
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News

Eleanor Cooper
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Speaker at St. Andrew's A.C.W. April meeting was Susan Wilson, her topic S.I.R.C.H.

Lots of interest was evident in questions and comments following her presentation which included a model of the shelter by the architect.

Events at the Centre on April 22 included the Scottish Country Dancers' annual Spring ball and Highlands Little Theatre's directors workshop led by Mimi Mickler.

Friends and relatives are welcome to the centre on Saturday, April 29, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. to celebrate Elva Cooper's 95th birthday.

Easter company at Shirley (Mrs. Cleve) Sisson's was complete with her whole family at dinner on April 14: David and Janet Bain and family; Dwight and Janet Sisson and boys; Rod and Wendy Sisson with son Reilly, and J'Nan and Mike Yateman of Bowmanville with their boys, Curtis and Derek.

As a follow-up on last week's note re: Baptist church women's meeting: the time is 7:30 at the West Guilford church on the first Thursday of the month.

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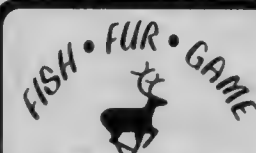
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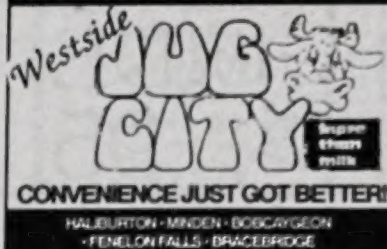


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Tues., May 9, 1995 7:30 p.m.
Haliburton Resource Centre
Agenda
1. Approval of the May 17, 1994 Annual General Meeting Minutes
2. Annual Report
3. Financial Reports
4. Proposed Constitution and By-Law Revisions
5. Election/Acclamation of Directors
6. General Announcements
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calls, meals, flowers and
prayers. Special thanks to the
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Home for their understanding
and sincerity and to Sandra and
staff at the Haliburton IGA. **The
Family**

THANK YOU to my family,
friends for their prayers, cards,
flowers, phone calls while I was
hospitalized. Special thanks to
Brother Dick, Grace, Bonnie
and Don Walling for the meals
which they sent over. Also, special
thank you to Dr. Bottum, Dr.
Hartwick and nurses for their excellent
care. **Barbara Nicholls**

THANKS - Bob, Wendy, staff,
children, volunteers of Wilber-
force and area for making my
drive to work pleasant, by pick-
ing up all the stuff on the side of
the roads. **Gwendolyn**

330 THANK YOU

AT THIS TIME of loss of a dear
father, we thank relatives, neigh-
bours and friends for phone
calls, flowers, food and cards.
We are especially grateful to
Rev. John Smith of Chatham for
his message of hope and Pastor
Brian Plouffe and Pastor
Paul Benson for their part in the
service, for the excellent care at
Haliburton Hospital from staff
and Drs. Norm Bottum,
Hartwick, Ferracuti and ambu-
lance drivers. Special thanks to
Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home
for their excellent services. God
bless, **Allen and Delaine Miller.**

**WILBERFORCE MINOR
HOCKEY** would like to thank all
those who purchased tickets for
our recent raffles. Congratulations
to the lucky winners. Auto-
graphed Bernie Nicholls Jer-
sey - Verna Ablett of Wilber-
force; Gold Seats at Leaf Game
& \$50. - N. Goldenberg of Hal-
iburton. Don't forget Dabber Bin-
go, Monday nights at 7:30 p.m.
at the Lloyd Watson Centre in
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ing 286-3202. Please phone to
arrange special group meals or
meetings. See you next spring.
**Diane, Tom, Ryan and Kate
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340 BIRTHS

**Hey, everyone. I'm finally a
big sister.** I, Christianna Walk-
er, am thrilled to announce the
arrival of my 8 pound, 3 ounce
sister.

BAILEY MARIE WALKER
on April 6, 1995 at 5:45 p.m. My
Oma and Opa Nellie and Bill
Brouwers and my Grandpa
John Walker are pleased to
have another granddaughter.
My parents, Brenda and Barry
Walker, would like to say a very
big thank you to Dr. Bottum for
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the fabulous nurses and staff at
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AT REST
**Peacefully after a lengthy
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Friday, April 21, 1995
at St. Joseph's Hospital,
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HARRY EDWIN CLARK
In his 73rd year.

Beloved husband of Marion
Clark (nee Ward), dear father of
Linda and her husband Terry
Stamp of Mississauga, Brenda
and her husband Byron Kellar
of Mississauga, Ward and his
wife Gail of Enniskillen. Loving
grandfather (gramps) of Chris,
Teralyn, Sara and Wade. Dear
brother of Gordon and his wife
Joan and Hilda, all of Wilber-
force, predeceased by Bill, Edith
and Elaine. Rested at the Gor-
don A. Monk Funeral Home,
127 Main St., Minden from 2-4
and 7-9 p.m. Sunday. Then to
St. Margaret's Anglican Church,
Wilberforce where Funeral Ser-
vice was held on Monday, April
24 at 2:30 p.m. Interment South
Wilberforce Cemetery. Memo-
rial donations to the Haliburton
Hospital Auxiliary would be ap-
preciated. Legion Service was
held on Sunday at 8:00 p.m. at
the Funeral Home. **CA**

AT REST
At the Minden Hospital
on Wednesday,
April 19, 1995
WILLIAM ARTHUR
CONEYBEARE
In his 79th year.

Beloved husband of the late
Edith Coneybeare, dear father
of Alan (Cub) Coneybeare and
his wife Mary of Minden, and
Gaye Botticella and her hus-
band Vito of Toronto. Loving
grandfather of Kirk, Chris, Cory,
Craig, Nicholas, and three great
grandchildren. Brother of Lance,
Ruth, Dorothy, Shirley and pre-
deceased by John and Olive.
Rested at the Gordon A. Monk
Funeral Home, 127 Main St.,
Minden, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.
Thursday. Then to St. Paul's An-
glican Church, Minden for Fu-
neral Service on Friday, April 21
at 11:00 a.m. Interment Minden
Cemetery. Memorial donations to
the Minden Hospital Building
Fund would be appreciated by
the family. **CA**

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AT REST
At Humber Memorial
Hospital on April 17, 1995.
RITA (MIDGE) HIRST
In her 74th year.

Predeceased by Alan Hirst.
Loved one of Donald Ford. Dear
mother of Carole and her hus-
band Richard Fincham, Sharon
and her husband Brian Murison
of Haliburton and Judy Tomkin-
son of Oakville. Survived by her
brother, Denis Boni (wife Lynne)
and her sister Ethel Brown. Dear
grandmother of Glenn and
Alana Fincham, and Ryan and
Brook Tomkinson. Rested at the
Frank Lynett Funeral Home,
Toronto, Wednesday, April 19
and Thursday, April 20. Funer-
al was held Friday, April 21. Cre-
mation. Donations may be
made to the Ontario Heart and
Stroke Foundation.

AT REST
at North Hastings District
Hospital after a lengthy
illness on April 22, 1995
DONALD CRAIG
SHOENBURG
In his 75th year.

Son of Harry Shoenburg and
Eleanor Craig. Beloved hus-
band of Laura-Fay (Attridge)
and dear father of Dona Thyret
of Bancroft. Loving grandfather
of Sarah, David and the late Su-
san and great grandfather of
Christine. Donald was a Cana-
da Customs Officer for 24 years,
living in Fort Erie until he retired
to Benois Lake in 1980. Funeral
service was from the Baragar
Funeral Home - Wiggins
Chapel, Bancroft on April 24 at
2:30 p.m. Thence to Highland
Park Crematorium, Peterbor-
ough. **CA**

400 IN MEMORIAM

BULL, VERA - In memory of a
dear wife, Vera, who passed
away April 6, 1994.
I often lie awake at night
When the world is fast asleep.
And take a walk down memory
lane
With tears upon my cheeks.
The years I had with you
Are worth their weight in gold.
The joy and laughter that you
gave me
Are mine to have and hold.
Remembering you is easy
I do it every day.
But missing you is a heartache
That never goes away.
I hold you close within my heart
And there you will remain
to walk with me throughout my
life,
Until we meet again.
Remembered by husband, **And-
rew Bull.**

400 IN MEMORIAM

GODFREY, ROYCE - In loving
memory of a dear husband and
father who passed away April
25, 1985.
You are not forgotten, father,
Nor ever will you be,
As long as life and memory
lasts,
We will remember thee.
Sadly missed by, **wife Gertrude
and son Brian.**

GODFREY, ROYCE - In mem-
ory of a dear father and grand-
father, who passed away April
25, 1985.
Dear dad we shall never forget
you,
Sweet memories cling round
your name,

400 IN MEMORIAM

Continued...
True hearts that in life always
loved you,
Will love you in death just the
same.
Much loved and missed by his
daughter, **Debbie and her hus-
band Glen, his granddaugh-
ter Jennifer and her husband
Frank, his great grand-
daughter Veronica and his
grandson Andy.**

WATT, CLIFFORD (HEBE) -
In loving memory of a dear fa-
ther and grandfather who
passed away April 24, 1994.
Loved and sadly missed, **Car-
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the matter of the estate of FRANCES ROSELENA CLARK

All persons having claims against the Estate of Frances Roselena Clark late of the Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 17th day of January, 1995, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of May, 1995 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 7th day of April, 1995 by DON-ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Frances Roselena Clark. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the matter of the estate of PEARL JESSIE HARRISON All persons having claims against the Estate of Pearl Jessie Harrison late of the Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 19th day of December, 1994, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of May, 1995 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 10th day of April, 1995 by DON-ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Administrator of the Estate of Pearl Jessie Harrison. CA

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the matter of the estate of MARIAN ELIZABETH INGRAM

All persons having claims against the Estate of Marian Elizabeth Ingram late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 25th day of December, 1994, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of May, 1995 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 7th day of April, 1995 by DON-ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executors of the Estate of Marian Elizabeth Ingram. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the matter of the estate of ROY ALEXANDER KERNOHAN

All persons having claims against the Estate of Roy Alexander Kernohan late of the Township of Anson, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 25 day of February, 1995, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of May, 1995 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 7th day of April, 1995 by DON-ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executrix of the Estate of Roy Alexander Kernohan. CA

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the matter of the estate of WILLIAM DAVID LESTER

All persons having claims against the Estate of William David Lester late of the Township of Hindon, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 6th day of December, 1994, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of May, 1995 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 7th day of April, 1995 by DON-ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Administrator of the Estate of William David Lester. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the matter of the estate of RUTH VERNA ILEEN LOFTUS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Ruth Verna Ileen Loftus late of the Township of Snowdon, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 26th day of December, 1994, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of May, 1995 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 7th day of April, 1995 by DON-ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executrix of the Estate of Ruth Verna Ileen Loftus. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the matter of the estate of IRENE J. MCGOVERN

All persons having claims against the Estate of Irene J. McGovern late of the Township of Cardiff, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 22nd day of January, 1995, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of May, 1995 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 7th day of April, 1995 by DON-ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Irene J. McGovern. CA

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the matter of the estate of CHRISTINA ANNE SCHELL

All persons having claims against the Estate of Christina Anne Schell late of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 10th day of December, 1994, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of May, 1995 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 7th day of April, 1995 by DON-ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executrix of the Estate of Christina Anne Schell. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the matter of the estate of MARGARET CLARA SEDGWICK

All persons having claims against the Estate of Margaret Clara Sedgwick late of the Township of Snowdon, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 6th day of February, 1995, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same

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to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of May, 1995 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 7th day of April, 1995 by DON-ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executors of the Estate of Margaret Clara Sedgwick. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the matter of the estate of RICHARD EMERSON TOY

All persons having claims against the Estate of Richard Emerson Toy late of the Township of Snowdon, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 30th day of December, 1994, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of May, 1995 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 7th day of April, 1995 by DON-ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executrix of the Estate of Richard Emerson Toy. CA

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the matter of the estate of ANDREW LINDSAY WILSON

All persons having claims against the Estate of Andrew Lindsay Wilson late of the Township of Snowdon, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 28th day of March, 1995, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of May, 1995 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 7th day of April, 1995 by DON-ALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executrix of the Estate of Andrew Lindsay Wilson. CA

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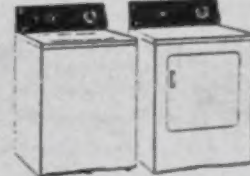
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The Maple Syrup Festival on April 15 drew the largest crowd in years. That's the way it seemed to me at least. When I went there about eleven o'clock people were lined up almost to the door to get their breakfast. The craft tables were very busy selling everything from birdhouses to baking goods. The library had a good selection of used paperbacks for sale as well. This event is growing in popularity every year.

The ice went out of Dark Lake on April 13. This is eleven days sooner than last year. There have also been several visits from Canada geese. In fact, there were seven on the lake last night. We always try to feed them, but they are a little leery and only eat after we leave.

A notice to the members of the Loop Troupe: The election of officers will take place on April 26, at the Lloyd Watson Centre at 7:30. Please try to attend.

The Monmouth Seniors Club is also getting ready for election of officers in early June. The nominat-

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ing committee has already been selected. They are Ernie Hemphill, Gertrude Godfrey and Marg Jeske. Please plan to come and express your opinion.

The seniors' trip to tour the G.M. plant in Oshawa will be on April 7. There are a couple of seats left at \$42.50 each. This includes dinner on the way home. If you are interested please call Warren Bowen at 448-2798 or Floyd Tighe at 448-2546.

The winners of the draw for a hamper of groceries on Saturday, April 15 was Edith and Darwin Baker. The draw was sponsored by the United Church Women's Group.

Congratulations to Bob and Wendy Parks, owners of the I.G.A. who are celebrating nine years of business in Wilberforce. They have been a great asset to the community and we wish them more successful years of being "Hometown Proud".

Election brings many changes

MINDEN W.I.

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Jeanne Sears
286-1538

Jean Cox welcomed the 14 members of Minden Women's Institute at the Common Room on April 14. She went on to give us some history of our Mary Stewart Collect. Our convenor, Irene Moore, reported sending 168 cards on a variety of occasions in the past year. We all joined in our thanks. Annual reports went on with the programming coordinator being Jean Cox; curator and P.R.O. with Jeanne Sears. The Tweedsmuir Books were on display, all seven of them, with the past year in a new book.

Delegates to Victoria East District Annual are Jean Cox, Mary Cox, Bette Herlihey and some other members. It is at the United Church, Fenelon Falls, on May 11. Our branch had collected

\$32.45 over the past year and this goes through the district and on to be used for the World (ACWW) group expenses. Collections were taken for Pennies and Card Funds and an invitation from Burnt River branch was read.

Doris Grant conducted the election and some changes were made: president, Jean Cox; 1st vice president, Nancy Gayton, 2nd vice president, Bea Berry; secretary, Mary Cox; treasurer, Mary Wilson; district director and Ag. rep., Mary Cox; alternate, Bette Herlihey; branch directors, Maud Coulter, Freda Hulbig, and Doris Grant. The rest of the officers were elected and were thanked for accepting these. We all thanked Annie Kernohan for her many years as our treasurer, who was hard to find. We are participating in the seniors exhibit at the Haliburton County Fair with seven articles to be turned in by the June meeting. The program for next meeting will also have a plant sale.

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